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**QUINCY
ELECTION
WINNERS
Contested
Races**

THOMAS KOCH
Mayor - 10,380 votes (54.89%)

RICHARD ASHE
Ward 2 Councillor
1,149 votes (51.20%)

JAMES DEVINE
Ward 4 Councillor
1,499 votes (57.39%)

WILLIAM HARRIS
Ward 6 Councillor
1,292 votes (56.26%)

COURTNEY PERDIOS
School Committee
8,498 votes (20.48%)

KATHRYN HUBLEY
School Committee
8,296 votes (19.99%)

PAUL BREGOLI
School Committee
7,575 votes (18.25%)

**SSG Robert P. Phillips Square
U.S. Army Vietnam
MIA**

**Friends
of the
Ruth Gordon
AMPHITHEATER
QUINCY, MA**

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City Election Among Top Local Stories In 2023

2023 The Year In Review

By SCOTT JACKSON

A municipal election featuring contested races for mayor, City Council and School Committee was among the top news stories of 2023 in Quincy.

The Nov. 7 election saw incumbent Mayor Thomas Koch fend off a challenge from Councillor Anne Mahoney; the two candidates debated several times in the lead up to voting, offering their views on the future of the city. The November election also saw three newcomers elected to the City Council and a challenger winning a seat on the School Committee. The November election was not the only one held in the city this year; a new Ward 4 councillor was seated in February after winning a special election.

This past year also included contentious negotiations between the Quincy School Committee and the Quincy Education Association over a new contract for the city's teachers. The two sides agreed to mediation in March after months of talks failed to result in a new deal. They were able to come to terms on an agreement later that month.

The spring also saw residents raise concerns about a proposal to demolish the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater. After residents rallied to save the outdoor venue, Koch announced the structure would remain untouched. Over the summer, a grassroots group helped revitalize the space by host-

ing different events for the community.

Plans for the redevelopment of Quincy Center continued to advance this year. A local restaurateur in May received permission from the Planning Board to build a mixed-use development at 1445 Hancock St. with 43 apartments and two-stories of restaurant space. In October, plans for two separate developments on the former Ross Lot — one with 300 apartments and a specialty grocery store and the other a medical office building — were unveiled. Developments elsewhere in the city — including Sea Street, South Quincy and Wollaston — were also approved during the course of the year.

The last 12 months also included the promotion of a new police chief, approval of plans for a new clubhouse at the Furnace Brook Golf Course, the withdrawal of a proposed 99-year lease extension for the operator of Granite Links, the dedication of the Dr. Rick DeCristofaro Learning Center and continued planning for a new Squantum Elementary School.

Here's a month-by-month look back at stories making headlines in 2023.

JANUARY

Some 65 people braved the chilly waters off Houghs Neck to raise money to support the Atherton Hough Elementary School. The eighth annual Houghs Neck Polar Plunge raised \$3,000. A separate polar plunge



REIGHAN VEBBER is all smiles as she emerges from the chilly water near the Quincy Yacht Club at the 8th annual Houghs Neck Polar Plunge Jan. 7 to benefit the Atherton Hough Elementary School.

Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth

took place at Mound Street Beach to benefit the Lincoln-Hancock Elementary School, which drew more than 30 participants.

At its first City Council meeting of the new year, Councillor Noel DiBona was unanimously reelected council president for 2023.

Following his colleagues' vote, DiBona said the coming 12 months would be an important time period to get things done.

"I hope that my fellow councillors enjoyed the holidays over the last few weeks with family and friends," he said. "2023 will

be an important year to get things accomplished. I look forward to leading us into the future and over the next 12 months."

Officials provided city councillors with an update on their effort to comply with a 2021 consent decree between Quincy and the US Environmental Protection Agency to resolve allegations the city had violated the Clean Water Act. The work was expected to cost \$100 million over 15 years, which Public Works Commissioner Al Grazioso said was on par with what Quincy had previously been spending to make improvements to its sewer and drain systems.

Joseph Shea of Granite City Partners said Quincy had rehabilitated 40.5 miles of sewers lines since 2017, inclusive of work sched-

uled for 2023. "Including this coming year, we will be over 300 roadways with sewers in them that we will have repaired with a specific purpose of ensuring that no sewage is leaking out," he said.

Kevin Barrett, the head coach of the boys' basketball team at North Quincy High School, notched his 178th career win to become the school's career leader in wins.

The city's licensing board granted liquor licenses to a pair of restaurants poised to open later on in the year, Evviva Trattoria and Sunset Pier. The former, a chain with a half dozen restaurants in the region, was set to open at 1500 Hancock St. while the latter was to open at 321 Victory Rd., formerly Cream & Sugar.

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*Happy New Year
and
God Bless all.*

Dave and Rosanne McCarthy
Quincy Ward 1 Councillor

Wishing you and
your family
Peace, Love and Health
during the
Holiday Season and
throughout the New Year.

School Committeeman
PAUL BREGOLI

Cellphones Banned In High School Classrooms

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The School Committee approved a new policy for the district's two high schools that bans cellphones and other personal electronic devices in the classroom. Committee member Emily Lebo, who voted in favor of the proposal, said she heard from teachers and students who supported the change.

"Not only did the principals tell us that they wanted this, but personally I have heard from lots of people that I know that want this policy in place, and that things have changed for the better in their buildings since the policy has been there," Lebo said. "Kids have told me that too actually."

Kevin Carey announced he would be stepping down as the head football coach at Quincy High School. Carey had spent 25 years with the Presidents, including five years leading the team. Carey said he planned to continue coaching and was hopeful he would land a job as an assistant closer to Rockland where he resides.

The Quincy High School girls' volleyball and basketball teams held their annual "Bigger Than Basketball" fundraiser in honor of Priscilla Bonica. Bonica, a 2021

graduate of the school and former captain of those two teams, was diagnosed with a glioblastoma brain tumor in the summer of 2021.

James Devine and Joel Buenaventura were the top two vote getters in the four-person preliminary election for the vacant Ward 4 seat on the City Council and were poised to go head to head in the February's final election. Devine finished first and Buenaventura second in the Jan. 17 preliminary contest. Devine finished with 318 votes, 42.18 percent of all votes cast. Buenaventura garnered 234 votes or 31.03 percent of the total vote. Matthew Lyons (149) and Sharon Cintolo (53) finished in third and fourth place, respectively.

Real estate transactions in Quincy and the whole of Norfolk County declined in 2022 compared to the prior year, but prices still continued to climb, according to William O'Donnell, the county's register of deeds. That trend could continue into 2023, with a strong demand to live in the region and a shortage of housing helping to keep prices up, he added.

In his State of the City

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BROAD MEADOWS MIDDLE School Student Council proudly attended the inauguration party held at the TD Garden Jan. 5th for Gov. Maura Healey and Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll. The event – known as "Moving the Ball Forward" – was a big success for the Broad Meadows Student Council members and was an opportunity for them to see first hand the magnitude of state government and the top leaders of the state. They offered a huge thank you to state Rep. Tackey Chan for connecting the school with Patrick Bench, a small business owner and son of a school teacher, whose generosity funded the students' trip to Boston to see the 73rd governor of Massachusetts take stage in this historic event. The students (from left to right): Madison Markarian, Olivia Campbell, Nancy Tran, Holden Blair, Faiha Chaani, Charlotte Murphy, Zeinab Alkinani, Jayla Phillips, Mariska Lencki, Sarah Diruzza, Dhay Akinani and Stella Purcell.

Courtesy Photo



MAYOR THOMAS KOCH delivered his State of the City address Jan. 31st in the Great Hall, James R. McIntyre Government Center. In his remarks, the mayor highlighted the people he said represent the beating heart of Quincy and will help the city rise to meet challenges it may face in the future.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

State Senator John Keenan and Family

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- Reflect before expressing yourself.
- Admit mistakes. Express remorse.
- Share a treasured tradition.
- Strive for empathy and understanding.
- Allow others grace. Marvel at nature's beauty.
- Give your appreciation to the most important people in your life.

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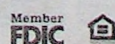
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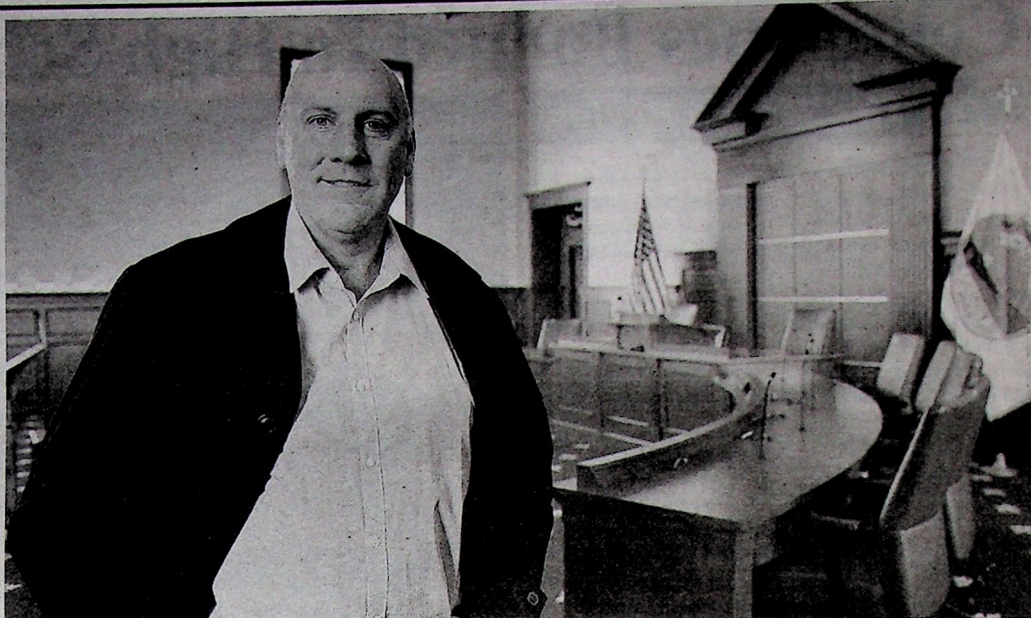
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JAMES DEVINE was sworn in as Ward 4 councillor in February after winning the seat in a special election.

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Devine Wins Ward 4 Council Seat

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address, Mayor Thomas Koch highlighted the people he said represent the beating heart of Quincy and will help the city rise to meet challenges it may face in the future.

"Today I'm going to talk a little about why I have such great faith in our future; why I believe we're setting the example for the commonwealth; why we'll be able to meet our challenges in the years ahead," Koch said. "In the end, the beating heart of this city is in all of you with us today and those beyond these walls."

Among those Koch recognized were Jean Bouton, a special education teacher; Mark Valpondo of the Department of Public Works; Lisa Curtin, business manager for the Department of Municipal Finance; firefighter Steve Sweet and

police Capt. Richard McCusker; Veterans' Services Director Christine Cugini; Dave Chew, owner of the Dairy Queen in Quincy; Beth Ann Strollo, the CEO of Quincy Community Action Programs; and Richard Meade, the chairman of the city's planning board, and other residents who volunteer on the city's boards and commissions.

FEBRUARY

Firefighters contended with subzero temperatures as they battled a two-alarm blaze at 125 Liberty St. in South Quincy. The fire began in that building, home to an auto repair shop, and spread to the adjacent commercial building. Deputy Fire Chief Timothy Burchill said the fire did not appear to be suspicious.

During a public hearing on a proposed lease extension for Granite Links, a majority of residents expressed

concerns about the proposal and urged city councillors to take their time in considering it.

"Ninety-nine years is a long time," said Steve Perdios of Ruggles Street. "This is our one bite of the apple in 99 years, so we want to do this right."

Councillors shared a number of thoughts about the proposed lease. Nina Liang asked why Granite Links was only paying the city a percentage of revenue instead of a base rent with percentage of revenue on top of that. Anthony Andronico asked why the lease extension was being sought now, with more than 20 years remaining on the original lease. Charles Phelan Jr. said the lease should ensure Granite Links follows through with its commitments. William Harris said a citizens advisory committee should be restored.

Ward 4 Councillor James Devine was sworn into office, less than one week

after winning his seat in a special election.

"I hope I can do as good a job as all you guys do," Devine told his new colleagues shortly after taking his oath of office. "I'm going to need a lot of help and guidance, so I hope you can do that. I'm looking forward to all this - it's a lot to take in, but I'm super excited."

Devine had bested Joel Buenaventura, receiving 628 votes (60.2 percent) to Buenaventura's 412 votes (39.6 percent), in the election.

Vernon Crawford, a former linebacker for the New England Patriots, was named the head football coach at Quincy High School. Crawford was the assistant head coach and offensive coordinator for the Boston Renegades of the Women's Football Alliance. He also has extensive experience at the high school level, including serving as the head coach in Randolph

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Jan. 8, 1310, near the beginning of the Little Ice Age, when average temperatures around the world dropped by as much as 3.6 F (particularly in Europe and North America), the Thames River in London froze so thickly that bonfires were lit on it.

- On Jan. 9, 1768, British former cavalry Sergeant Major Philip Astley staged the first modern circus after discovering that if he galloped in a tight circle, centrifugal force would allow him to perform seemingly impossible acts on horseback. He drew up a ring and invited the public to watch him wave his sword in the air while riding with one foot on his saddle and one on his horse's head.

- On Jan. 10, 1845, poets Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning began the correspondence that would eventually lead to their secret courtship and marriage, which Elizabeth's father disapproved of so strongly that he disowned her. The couple then fled England for Italy, where they would live for 15 years until Barrett's death.

- On Jan. 11, 1915, Jacob Ruppert and Colonel Tillinghast Huston purchased the New York Yankees for \$450,000. Ruppert put up his share of the sale in cash, and within a decade had built Yankee Stadium, acquired baseball legend Babe Ruth, and won the first of the franchise's World Series titles.

- On Jan. 12, 1948, pacifist and spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi began his final fast. Eighteen days later, he was assassinated by Hindu nationalist Nathuram Godse while on his way to address a prayer meeting.

- On Jan. 13, 1976, American inventor Ray Kurzweil and the National Federation of the Blind debuted the Kurzweil Reading Machine, the first omnifont optical character recognition system, which converts print to speech.

- On Jan. 14, 2004, the national flag of Georgia, also known as "the five-cross flag," was returned to official use for the first time in five centuries. Originally a banner of the medieval Kingdom of Georgia, it became popular again in the late 20th and early 21st centuries during the country's national revival.

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The Garden Bug

This showy orange rose can display multiple blooms throughout spring, summer and fall. Its growth habit is upright, with 3'-4' possible in height. It likes warmer climates and full-sun exposure. It does well when cut for display indoors, giving a mild, pleasant fragrance. It is very attractive to pollinators. It can be propagated from cuttings, budding and by grafting. It is resistant to black spot, mildew and "rust."

- Brenda Weaver

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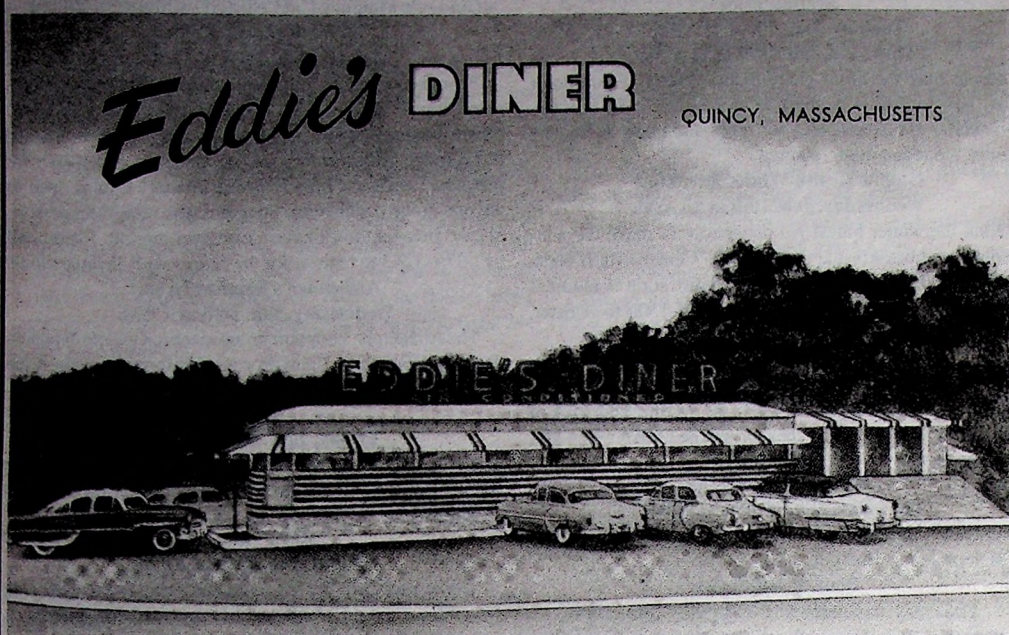
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THE YEAR of the Rabbit was celebrated at the 35th annual Quincy Lunar New Year Festival Feb. 5 at North Quincy High School. Here students from the Newstar Community Art School of Quincy perform "The Little Matador."

Quincy Sun Photo/Tom Gorman

Scenes From Yesterday



THIS IS A 1951 postcard published by Eddie Smith, owner of the old Eddie's Diner that was located at 382 Quincy Ave. in Quincy Point. Smith and his partner, Edgar Eaton, opened the gleaming red-striped stainless steel diner in 1942. It was situated next to the Southern Artery at the intersection known then as the "Gateway to Cape Cod." The 25-ton, 54-foot-long diner had been prefabricated at the Jerry O'Mahoney Dining Company's factory in Elizabeth, New Jersey and it was shipped on a flatbed truck to Quincy. It came complete with all the interior fixtures including stoves, counters, stools, booths and a jukebox. Later owners changed the diner

and by 1960 the exterior had been covered with stucco and wood and the 24-room Eddie's Motor Inn was built next door. Aside from the changes, for over 50 years Eddie's was one of Quincy's most treasured eating spots, and it was one of the Boston area's last 24-hour diners when a disastrous fire closed it in 1993. In the 1950s, there were eight diners in Quincy: The Mayflower on Southern Artery, Devoes, The Wheelhouse and Glovers in North Quincy, United in Wollaston, Pilgrim on Quincy Avenue, The Capeway on Washington Street and Russell's on Adams Street.

From the Tom Galvin Postcard Collection

Quincy's Yesterdays

This Week
1987
36 Years Ago

Interim Sludge Facility At Shipyard

Mayor Francis X. McCauley announced that the city of Quincy had entered into an agreement with the Mass. Water Resources Authority for an interim sludge facility at the Quincy Shipyard at least through 1995.

"We pressed the court case as far as we could," said McCauley, referring to the city's efforts against the purchase of the shipyard by the M.W.R.A.

The agreement was jointly announced by M.W.R.A. Executive Director Paul Levy, Mayor McCauley, DPW Commissioner Paul Anderson and consultant David Stanley.

McCauley and Levy said the agreement would accelerate the Boston Harbor cleanup, provide the city with tax revenue as well as eliminate planned sludge processing activities at the MWRA Nut Island Pollution Control Facility in Houghs Neck.

OVER 1,200 TOUR HISTORIC SITES

Over 1,200 visitors toured Quincy's historical sites during this year's "Holidays in Quincy" festival.

This bi-annual event is sponsored by the Quincy Historical Society, the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, United First Parish Church and the National Park Service.

The sites decorated for the holidays included the Adams Academy Building, the Church of the Presidents, the Adams Mansion and the Josiah Quincy House. Involved were the Garden Clubs of Squantum, Wollaston and Germantown.

QUINCYISMS

P.F.C. George Kilroy, son of George Kilroy of 34 Hollis Ave. and Mary F. Kilroy of 42 Freeman St., has completed One Station Unit Training (O.S.U.T.) at the US Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, GA... Quincy Typewriter Service, 5 Maple St., Quincy Center, was offering the Smith Corona P.W.P. (Personal Word Processor) for \$599... **Bill Spencer**, president of the AARP, City of Presidents Chapter, appointed **Ernest Aristide** program chairman and director of tours for the organization... **Beverly F. Herman** of Wollaston recently graduated from the Quincy Junior College Practical Nursing Program. Mrs. Herman is married to Edward R. Herman. The couple has four children... Residents of Eventide Home donated over \$300 to the Salvation Army Fund as their Christmas project this season... The Quincy Chapter, AARP, was planning a meeting for early January at Pagnano Towers, 109 Curtis Ave. Guest speaker **Arthur Cutler** will speak on the "55 Alive" Program... Seven Quincy residents received special award pins for over 1,000 hours of volunteer service at Quincy Hospital. They were **Ruth Aleksun**, **Lucy Poreca**, **Genevieve Bresnahan**, **Lauretta Canfield**, **Florence Forni**, **Louise Power** and **Terry Skahan**... **John P. (Jake) Comer** was serving a one-year term as National Commander of the American Legion... The Quincy High School Presidents Varsity Cheerleaders placed second in the Regional Massachusetts Seat Belt Coalition/SADD Cheerleading Competition... **Keith Smith** of North Quincy is one of the top scorers for the UMASS-Boston Hockey team. Smith scored five goals in the team's last two games... The Quincy High girls' basketball team defeated Somerville High to even the team's record at 2-2. In an earlier loss to Everett High, high scorers included **Gayle Morrell**, 12 points; her twin sister **Patti** had eight points... **Bob Seamans** of Quincy ran 59 miles around the Boston Public Garden to raise money for the homeless. Bob ran the 59 miles in more than eight hours... Three new members of the Quincy City Council will be sworn in when the Council organizes in early January. They include **Tim Cahill**, councillor-at-large, **Larry Chretien**, Ward 3 and **Charles (Chuck) Phelan**, Ward 5 Councillor... Agnitti Insurance Agency was asking, "Let us give you a competitive quote on your auto, homeowners, business, life and health insurance"... "It's Simply Italian and Then Some," a book featuring the recipes of **Marie J. D'Olimpio** was on sale in Quincy restaurants and businesses. Price \$5.95.

READERS FORUM

Reinstate MLK, Jr. Breakfast In Quincy

We need to resume Quincy's Martin Luther King Day Breakfast in 2024.

Since the 1980s, Quincy has hosted an MLK Breakfast, sponsored initially by the South Shore Coalition for Human Rights and other community groups. The Quincy School Department and City of Quincy took over leadership of the MLK Breakfast and moved it to Quincy High School. It was suspended during COVID, but has not been reinstated since then. Why not?

Citizens are asking that it be reinstated. It was fully embraced by the mayor, city council, school department

and state legislators. We should be honoring Martin Luther King, particularly since our multicultural schools are now majority minority schools.

We have DEI coordinators at the Quincy School Dept and Quincy City Hall now. It would be relatively easy to restart the MLK Breakfast. Please make this a priority before the next MLK Birthday in January 2024.

Peace and Justice,

Bonnie Gorman RN
Quincy MA

Standout Quincy for Black Lives

Pace Of Development And Burden On Property Owners

There has been commentary about the recent increase in property tax. It has come to this generation to bear the burden of what is needed and necessary. Quincy has a superb police and fire department ensuring the safety of the citizens. Well-functioning city departments and agencies.

Who could deny that excellent educational facilities are required such as the new Central Middle School, High School and coming Squantum School. A new Public Safety Building to replace the worn-out facility. A beautiful water

fountain park in Quincy Center where once was a roadway. A new bridge which will become a center of development. A skating rink which now folks are utilizing and enjoying. And other developments.

Fortunately, we are now in a golden age of the economy despite inflation which is abating. Hopefully, the pace of development will slow to ease the burden on property owners.

Peter Gleba
Quincy

Thanks Council For Commending Amphitheater Friends

(Editor's Note: A copy of the following letter was submitted to The Quincy Sun for publication.)

Mr. Noel DiBona, President of Quincy City Council
Dear Councillor DiBona;

I would like to publicly thank you and the members of the City Council for the Dec. 18th, 2023 Council meeting honoring the Friends of Ruth Godon Amphitheater (FRGA). Also honored was our Councillor-at-Large, Anne Mahoney for her years of dedication and passion in serving the citizens of Quincy. I hope she will return in the future to continue her valuable service.

Second, thank you for accommodating the performance for the evening of John Lennon's "Imagine" - a well-suited lyrics, selected by Sara Callard, president of FRGA, sung and accompanied by young Quincy artist, Marcus Johnson. For him, I am sure, it was an honor to perform in this historic Great Hall.

Meanwhile, I would like to wish you and the councilors most blessed Christmas and New Year, and thank you for your continued dedication to public service. And, I hope you will help keep Quincy progressing in a most respectful way - not ever losing the City of Quincy's historic significance, which will help guide the city's plans into future design which reflect and respect Quincy's status among historic cities in the Commonwealth and in the U.S. And, I hope you will steer and guide the development of state-mandated development along the MBTA stations.

Anneli Johnson
Member of FRGA
Quincy

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Council On Aging January Activities At Kennedy Center

By **MARIE FERENT**
Assistant Director
Quincy Elder Services

The Quincy Council on Aging announces the following events are scheduled during the month of January.

The COA is located at the Kennedy Center, 440 East Squantum St., North Quincy.

Computer Classes Grace Buscher

Tuesday Classes 1 - 2:30 p.m. Individual Appointments
Wednesday by appointment from 1-3:30 p.m. Individual Appointment times on Thursday by appointment 9 - 11:30 a.m. Please Call 617-376-1506 to register.

Tuesday, Jan. 2nd - iPhone/iPad Class
Wednesday, Jan. 3rd - Individual Appointments
Thursday, Jan. 4th - Individual Appointments
Tuesday, Jan. 9th - NO CLASS
Wednesday, Jan. 10th - Individual Appointments
Thursday, Jan. 11th - Individual Appointments
Tuesday, Jan. 16th - Chromebook Class
Wednesday, Jan. 17th - Individual Appointments
Thursday, Jan. 18th - Individual Appointments
Tuesday, Jan. 23rd - Scams - How to Avoid
Wednesday, Jan. 24th - Individual Appointments
Thursday, Jan. 25th - Individual Appointments
Tuesday, Jan. 30th - Social Media
Wednesday, Jan. 31st - Individual Appointments

Book Club

Thursday, Jan. 4th at 1:30 P.M.

The book club meets the first Thursday of every month at 1:30 p.m. The Jan. 4th selection is "The Book that Matters Most" by Ann Hood. The selection for Feb. 1 is "Becoming Mrs. Lewis: The Improbable Love Story of Joy Davidson and C. S. Lewis" by Patti Henry.

Nails to You Manicures

Friday, Jan. 5th and Friday, Jan. 19th

Join us for a manicure event at the Kennedy Center. Manicures will be \$20 payable to Nails to You on the day of the event. Nails to You will now be at the Kennedy Center twice a month for manicure appointments. LeeAnn will now be offering Dazzle Dry which is a healthy alternative to gel. It is long lasting, vegan, healthy and completely dry in 5 minutes. Dazzle Dry Manicures will now be \$25 and regular Manicures will increase to \$20. Please call 617-376-1506 to schedule your appointment.

Bingo

Monday, Jan. 8th at 1 P.M.

Join the Quincy Rotary Club/Friends of The Kennedy Center for an afternoon of Bingo and a chance to win prizes! Registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Acrylics

Tuesday, Jan. 9th at 1 P.M.

Join acrylics teacher Karen Kelley for an acrylics class. This month will be painting a set of 4 coasters. No painting experience required. Cost is \$16 and includes all supplies. Payment is due at time of registration.

Movie Review: 'Wonka'

By **BOB GARVER**

A bit of autobiography here at the start: I grew up a stone's throw from Hershey, Pennsylvania and my current full-time employment comes from Hershey's Chocolate World in Times Square. Chocolate, its production, and its sales are all a major part of my identity.

So I view media related to Roald Dahl's 1964 children's book "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" through a different lens than most. For example, the first time I saw 1971's "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" at the age of six, I wondered why the whole world would lose its mind over a contest where the prize was a visit to a chocolate factory. I lived a mere 10 minutes from a chocolate factory, and even at that young age, the tour had gotten boring for me. Eventually I learned that the factory of the movie was a gorgeous and twisted place, and then I was able to enjoy the ride (with the possible

exception of the nightmarish actual "ride"), but it took about half the movie for my disbelief to be suspended.

All of this is to say that I went into "Wonka" with a high standard for how the chocolate would be portrayed. I wasn't looking for accuracy, heck, I was just coming off an unreasonably crowded Saturday-in-December shift and needed a break from real chocolate. But I did need the chocolate to look good, to come off well so that people would leave the theater wanting more of it. The chocolate of the 1971 film looked absolutely scrumdiddlyumptious (a word that surprisingly passes my computer's spell-check), but in the 2005 Tim Burton version, it looked distorted and inedible. Given those two extremes, it's not shocking that the chocolate in "Wonka" falls somewhere in the middle, but given that it's surrounded by an underwhelming movie, I wasn't exactly in a hurry to

Scattergories
Tuesday, Jan. 9th at 11 A.M.
Thursday, Jan. 18th at 11 A.M.

Come play the word game Scattergories! If you don't know how to play, it is quick to pick up and easy to learn. Have some fun exercising your brain and make some new friends. No registration required.

Gather Health Winter Breakfast
Wednesday, Jan. 10th at 10 A.M.

Kick the winter blues! No better way to shake the winter blues and breakfast at the Kennedy Center with friends. What a great way to start the day! Registration is required and space is limited. Please call 617-376-1506 to register. Sponsored by Gather Health.

Men's Discussion

Thursday, Jan. 11th at 10 A.M.

Men's Discussion Group meets the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. The speaker will be Officer Greg Mar from the Quincy Police Department.

Women's Discussion

Thursday, Jan. 11th at 1:30 P.M.

Women's Discussion Group meets the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

Benefits Specialist

Thursday, Jan. 11th and Thursday, Jan. 25th

Benefits Support Specialist Nadia Montrond from South Shore Elder Services will be at the Kennedy Center to assist members with the following services: SNAP application, Senior MassHealth Application or renewal, MassHealth questions/concerns and Community Home Care Services/Resources for seniors. Appointments are required. Appointments will be 30 minutes long. Please call 617-376-1506 to make an appointment.

Lip Balm Making Class

Wednesday, Jan. 17th at 11:30 A.M.

Winter weather leaves us with dry, chapped lips. It's the perfect time to learn how to make your own all-natural lip balms. Join Piper Jornales, of Piper Dee Naturals for a class where you will make 6 lip balms, in your choice of two flavors. Space is limited and registration is required.

\$5 per person, payment is due at time of registration.

Monthly Bereavement Support Group

Thursday, Jan. 18th at 1 P.M.

All are welcome. This is a monthly group which provides a space of sharing and support for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Sponsored by Hamel Lydon Chapel Cremation Service of Massachusetts.

Cross Cultural

Friday, Jan. 19th at 1 P.M.

Seize the opportunity to experience a one-of-a-kind, cross-cultural performance! The singing and dancing troupe from the Guangzhou Association of Boston will perform for you traditional Chinese and Western songs, Tai Chi sword demonstrations, Sway Mambo Line Dance, Qi Pao dance and more. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

return to work and use my employee discount.

The movie follows young Willy Wonka (Timothée Chalamet) as he seeks to open his first chocolate shop. Standing in his way are the "Chocolate Cartel" of no-good rivals Slugworth (Paterson Joseph); Fickelgruber (Mathew Baynton); and Prodnose (Matt Lucas), an on-the-take police chief (Keegan-Michael Key), and his indentured servitude to a pair of laundromat owners (Tom Davis and Olivia Colman). But he has help from his fellow "scrubbers" (Jim Carter, Natasha Rothwell, Rakhee Thakkar, Rich Fulcher, and breakout Calah Lane) and the lasting wisdom of his late mother (Sally Hawkins). He's initially antagonized by a thieving Oompa-Loompa (Hugh Grant) but we know that the two will eventually end up allies and that Wonka will bring in all of Oompa-Loompaland to work in his factory in an arrangement that future adaptations will no doubt overcompensate to

make clear is not slavery.

Wonka himself is both a spectacularly great and terrible businessman. He's pitifully naive and bad at managing a budget, yet effortlessly charming as a salesman and knows chocolate so well that he can manufacture it seemingly by magic. The only time he ever has to worry about finding an ingredient is a sequence where he has to break into a zoo to get giraffe's milk. And not only does the chocolate taste great, but it gives people superpowers like newfound self-confidence and the ability to fly. So yes, the chocolate comes off well, the movie has done its job there.

I can't say "Wonka" does its job well in every department. I'm still not sold on Chalamet as a leading man, especially compared to the brilliant Gene Wilder as the 1971 Wonka. This movie is so darn sweet that it lacks the naughtiness that made that version appealing. Grant is the only one who seems to be in the right spirit, and his

Quincy's Memory Café Hosted by Standish Village at the Kennedy Center

Monday, Jan. 22nd at 12 Noon

Brought to you by Julie Williamson, Director of Communications for Standish Village Assisted Living & Compass Memory Support, Quincy's Memory Café welcomes those living with memory loss or dementia and their care partners, family and friends. While Memory Café is open to anyone in the community, any guest who requires a personal care attendant must have a caregiver present. Please call 617-376-1243 to register for the café or with any questions.

Alzheimer's Support Group
Wednesday, Jan. 24th at 1 P.M.

The Alzheimer's Support group meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. For more information about the group, please call Marge Donaher at 617-376-1243.

Trivia

Friday, Jan. 26th at 11 A.M.

Come play trivia and test your knowledge! Have some fun with friends and a chance to win a prize! No registration is required.

Rock Painting

Friday, Jan. 26th at 2 P.M.

Come join us in the Art room and paint a rock with your own unique design! Paint supplies provided. Registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Gather Health Bingo

Friday, Jan. 26th at 1 P.M.

Come join us for bingo, prizes and lunch and learn about Gather Health. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Valentine's Craft

Friday, Jan. 26th at 2 P.M.

Carrie from My Friends Call Me Martha will be here to teach a Valentine's paper crafting workshop. Participants will make 3 projects. No prior crafting experience necessary and you will learn to stamp the sentiment on each project and assemble the different pieces to make beautiful projects! Class is \$5 per person and includes all supplies. Space is limited. Payment is due at time of registration.

Valentine's Day Cards

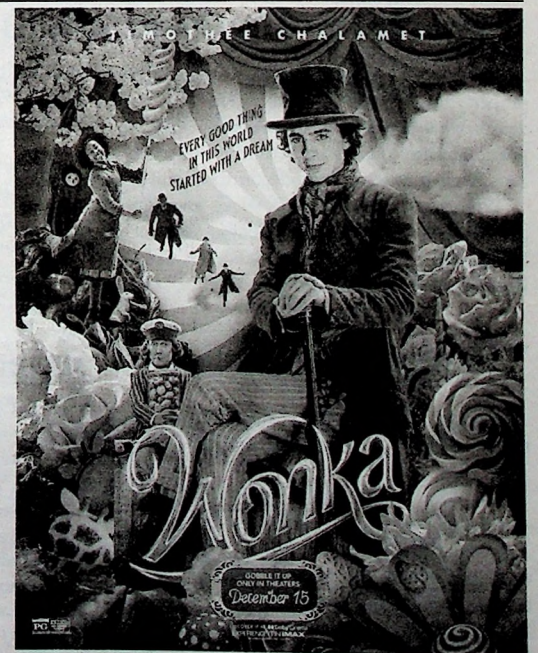
Tuesday, Jan. 30th at 1 P.M.

Pop Up Art School will be at the Kennedy Center for a card making workshop. Enjoy learning how to paint with watercolors while creating a card to send to loved ones. You'll learn how to use a wet-on-wet technique and how to layer the translucent paint. Finish your image with doodles in metallic markers. Space is limited and registration is required. \$10 per person due at time of registration.

Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery

Wednesday, Jan. 31st at 10 A.M.

Join Dr. Sapan Gandhi from Beth Israel as he discusses the differences between routine surgery and the devices and techniques used during minimally invasive surgery, resulting in quicker recovery. Space is limited. Registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.



performance is hampered by terrible CGI. And every one of the movie's musical numbers is overproduced dreck, even the classic "Pure Imagination" is devoid of life. That said, it's impossible to get too mad at a movie like this, one that the family can

all agree to see together during the holidays.

Grade: C

"Wonka" is rated PG for some violence, mild language and thematic elements. Its running time is 116 minutes.

January Children's Events, Activities At Crane Library

By **JULIE RINES**
Children's Coordinator

Thomas Crane Public Library

The following events and activities for children are scheduled during the month of January at the Thomas Crane Public Library.

Winter Reading Challenge

Join us for our winter reading challenge in January and February!

Participants aged 5-13 are invited to join our read-and-bead program, tracking every 15 minutes of reading with a bead of their choice, to create a brag tag full to celebrate their winter of reading. The more you read, the fancier beads you can earn and trade up to, building up to the coveted 24-hour winter charm!

Participants aged 0-5 will earn special winter-themed stickers for every 15 minutes of reading. These can be added to their very own set of mitten reading challenge cards!

Everyone will receive a special reading chart of winter characters to track their reading. If you're doing the reading or being read to, all reading counts! Come into any of the Quincy library locations to sign up and come back to get reading signed off and collect beads or stickers!

How many can you collect by Feb. 29?

This program is for children from birth to age 13 and their families.

Pajama Storytime for Ages 1-5

Join us on Thursday, Jan. 4th at 6:30 p.m. for our monthly family pajama storytime for the whole family. This program is especially for children ages 1-5 accompanied by an adult.

Arabic Storytime @Adams Shore Ages 0-7

The Library is pleased to be working with dedicated community members to offer a monthly storytime in Arabic.

Join us on Monday, Jan. 8th at 6:15 p.m. at the Adams Shore library for this program which will be conducted primarily in Arabic with the intention of helping young Arabic language learners to improve their skills. This program is suitable for children up to age 7.

Children's Movie - Super Mario Bros. Movie

Join us on Monday, Jan. 8th at 6:30 p.m. for a showing of the new Super Mario Bros. Movie.

A Brooklyn plumber named Mario travels through the Mushroom Kingdom with a princess named Peach and an anthropomorphic mushroom named Toad to find Mario's brother, Luigi, and save the world from a ruthless fire-breathing Koopa named Bowser.

Rated PG Runtime 1 hour 32 minutes

PJ Storytime at North Quincy for Ages 1-5

Join us at the North Quincy Branch on Tuesday, Jan. 9th at 6:30 p.m. for an evening pajama storytime for the whole family! Children ages 1-5 will particularly enjoy this storytime, as we'll sing songs, read books, recite rhymes, and more!

Panels and Pages Graphic Novel Book Club for Grades 5-7

Children in grades 5-7 are invited to join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. for our Grades 5-7 Graphic Novel book club. Each month we will discuss a different graphic novel.

On Tuesday, Jan. 9th we'll be discussing "Bear" by Ben Queen and Joe Todd-Stanton

Registration is required for this program. Register through our online calendar.

Copies of the book are available to check out in the Children's Room and on Hoopla.

Puppy Pages @ Adams Shore Ages 6-8

On Wednesday, Jan. 10th from 1 to 2 p.m. meet Elliot the therapy dog at the Adams Shore Library and spend some time practicing your reading with him.

Young readers ages 6-8 are invited to spend 10 minutes reading aloud to Elliot.

Reading takes practice and reading aloud with a patient and non-judgmental canine friend is a great way for young readers to practice and become more confident.

Registration is not required. Ten-minute timeslots with Elliot will be assigned on a first come first served basis.

Elliot and his owner Michelle are volunteers trained by Dog B.O.N.E.S. therapy dogs of Massachusetts.

Preschool Discovery- Colors for Ages 3-5

Join us for Preschool Discovery a hands on parent and child science program that meets once a month at each library location. Activities, experiments and instructions will be provided for science you can do with your child.

This month we're doing color activities. We'll be sorting colors, mixing colors, even separating colors out using markers and coffee filters.

The program will be at the Wollaston Library on Thursday, Jan. 11th from 3 to 4 p.m., the Adams Shore Library on Wednesday, Jan. 17th from 3 to 4 p.m., the North Quincy Library on Saturday, Jan. 20th from 10 to 11 a.m., and the

in the Main Library Children's Room on Saturday, Jan. 27th from 10 to 11 a.m.

Night Owls Book Club for Grades 3 and 4

We invite children in grades 3 and 4 to join us to discuss a chapter book or graphic novel on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We'll vote for upcoming titles at the end of each meeting.

On Thursday, Jan. 11th we'll get together discuss to discuss "Knights vs. Dinosaurs" by Matt Phelan.

Copies of the book are available to check out in the Children's Room or as an ebook through Libby.

Homeschool Hangout for Ages 5-13

Join us on the second Friday of each month for a homeschool program for kids and caregivers, covering topics from STEM to art and beyond!

Join us on Friday, Jan. 12th at 10 a.m. for an hour of games! Games and activities for all ages will be provided, and feel free to bring a favorite game to share!

Double Booked Book Club

A book club for parents/guardians and their 3-5th grader. You can read the book together or separately and join us to discuss what you read on the second Saturday of each month.

On Saturday, Jan. 13th at 10 a.m. we will be meeting to discuss "Nick and Tesla's Robot Army Rampage" by Bob Pflugfelder.

After a series of robberies strike Half Moon Bay, sibling sleuths Nick and Tesla build robots out of household objects in order to catch the culprits.

Copies of the book are available for pick up in the Children's Room.

Registration for Winter Program Series

Weekday morning storytimes for ages 4 months to 5, StoryLab for ages 4-8, Chickadees Book Group and the Coding Clubs will begin on Monday, Jan. 29th. Mother Goose, Chickadees and Coding Club programs will require registration. Please check the Crane Library website for details.

Registration for programs begins on Tuesday, Jan. 16th at 9 a.m. online at thomascranelibrary.org, by phone at 617-376-1300 ext. 4 or in person at the Main Library Children's Room.

Imagination Storytime at Adams Shore for Ages 3-5

Join us at the Adams Shore Library on Tuesday, Jan. 16th at 10 a.m. for a special Imagination Storytime full of stories, songs and activities to stretch your imagination.

This program is for children ages 3-5 accompanied by a grown up.

Dungeons and Dragons for Ages 10-15

New and experienced players are invited to join us in person at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16th for this introduction to D&D 5th edition game play. Take on the role of a fantasy hero in this Dungeons & Dragons game. We will meet for an hour and a half to play this campaign. Please note: There is no wait list for this program, but we will be running more campaigns in the coming months.

Registration is required for this program. Register through our online calendar. This program is for ages 10-15.

This program will take place in the Main Library Children's Room. Character sheets will be provided.

Super Awesome Hangout Club for Grades 3-5

Calling all 3rd, 4th & 5th graders! Come hang out with old friends and make some new ones! Come hangout with us on the third Wednesday of each month in the Children's blue program room.

Join us at our hangout on Wednesday, Jan. 17th at 2:30 p.m. and learn how to make smash books.

No registration required.

EXPLORE @Wollaston for Grades 4-6

EXPLORE (Experiment, Play, Learn, Observe, Read, Examine) is a series of monthly hands-on science workshops for children in grades 4-6, covering a wide variety of topics.

Meeting at the Wollaston Branch Library on the third Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. each workshop has a short portion of instruction and then exploration and experimentation. Topics range from forensic science to bubbles and parents/caregivers are welcome to participate as well alongside their children.

Join us at the Wollaston Library on Wednesday, Jan. 17th at 7 p.m. for Circuits. Get hands-on with circuitry! Learn about how an electrical circuit works, then build your own using Snap Circuits. Start simple by making a lightbulb turn on, then get fancy with more lights, sounds, and moving parts.

Mother Goose Explores Science for Ages 18-36 months

Come and explore our early STEM program for children ages 18 - 36 months accompanied by an adult. We'll have fun with science, technology, engineering and math. You will be amazed at what your little scientist (and you) will learn while having fun.

The program will meet on Thursday, Jan. 18th at 10 a.m.

in the large meeting room at the main library.

Hockey Hero Storytime for ages 1-5

Join us on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m. for a very special storytime to celebrate Willie O'Ree Day! We are so proud that the first Black NHL player made his debut with the Boston Bruins on this date in 1958.

Come celebrate with a special storytime where we'll read books, sing songs, and learn more about hockey and Willie O'Ree!

Review Crew for Grades 5-7

Join us on the third Thursday of each month and be a part of the Review Crew.

On Thursday, Jan. 18th at 7 p.m. we'll "judge a book by its cover." Pick a book, movie, or video game to review based on its cover. What did you like about the cover? Was the rest of the book as good as you expected?

Tot Time for ages 9 to 23 months

Come to the library for a free playtime session with your baby, ages 9- 23 months full of age appropriate toys and activities plus socializing with other children and caregivers.

A fun time for all and a chance to practice large and small muscle development. This program will meet in the large meeting room from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20th.

This program is for children ages 9 - 23 months accompanied by an adult. Space is limited and the doors will be closed when the room is full.

Canvas Art Workshop for Ages 8 - 13

Children ages 8 to 13 are invited to join us on Monday, Jan. 22nd from 6:30-8:30 p.m. as we learn to paint with acrylics on canvas.

Registration is required and is limited to Quincy residents ages 8-13. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd online at thomascranelibrary.org, by phone at 617-376-1300 ext. 4 or in person at the Main Library Children's Room.

Tween Crafternoon Grades 5-8

Tween Crafternoon is a monthly craft program just for grades 5-8. Join us at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month to try your hand at a different project.

On Wednesday, Jan. 24th we'll be making DIY postcards! All supplies will be provided, including supplies for Valentine's cards!

Page Turners Graphic Novel book club for Grades 3-5

Children in grades 3-5 are invited to join us on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. for our Page Turners graphic novel book club. Each month we will discuss a different graphic novel and make our own.

On Wednesday, Jan. 24th we'll get together discuss "Paranorthern: And the Chaos Bunny A-hop-calypse" by Stephanie Cooke.

Copies of the books are available for pick up in the main library children's room.

Winter Program Series Schedules

Winter storytime and Coding programs begin on Monday, January 29th. Registration is required for some programs. Registration is limited to Quincy residents and children must be the correct age by the start of the program.

ABC Storytime @North Quincy for ages 3-5

Mondays 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26 and 3/4 at 10 a.m.

StoryLab - Space Science @Wollaston ages 4-8

Mondays 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26 and 3/4 at 3 p.m.

Mother Goose Storytime for ages 12-23 months

Tuesdays 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27 and 3/5 at 10 a.m. REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Toddler Storytime @Adams Shore for ages 2-3

Tuesdays 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27 and 3/5 at 10 a.m.

Singing Storytime for ages 2-5

Wednesdays 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/28 and 3/6 at 10 a.m.

Rock-a-bye Baby Storytime for ages 4-11 months

Thursdays 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/29 and 3/7 at 9:30 a.m.

Mother Goose Storytime for ages 12-23 months

Thursdays at 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/29 and 3/7 at 11 a.m. REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Chickadees Book Club for children in grades 1 and 2

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
This group works a little bit differently than our other book groups, sort of a cross between book group and storytime. Registration is required and is limited to Quincy residents. Registration begins on Tuesday, Jan. 16th online at thomascranelibrary.org, by phone at 617-376-1300 x4 or in person at the Main Library Children's Room.

The Chickadees will meet on Mondays 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26 and 3/4 at 6:30 p.m.

Using short stories and early readers as our texts we'll have fun with simple games and crafts while reinforcing key reading and discussion skills in this fun and interactive program. Children must be able to read and write independently to join this group.

Questions? Stop by or call the Children's Room at 617-376-1300 x4 and ask for Mrs. Miller.

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Mediation To Help Resolve Teachers Contract

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and Seekonk.

First-time entrant Kevin Gomez was declared the winner of the 12th annual Houghs Neck Chili Bowl. The event raised \$6,000 to benefit the Houghs Neck Congregational Church.

A two-alarm fire at 15 Hersey Place in Quincy Point displaced four residents. Capt. Nate Egan said firefighters did a great job containing the fire as they dealt with cold, windy conditions in a dense neighborhood. The fire was not considered suspicious.

The final two games of the season for the boys' basketball team at Quincy High School were cancelled after school administrators learned of a locker room fight between a current and former player. The fight between two students — one a senior and the other a junior — occurred in the locker room at Quincy High School after school on Feb. 13, Supt. Kevin Mulvey said; one of the students was a member of the team and the other was a former player who quit the team in January.

"Many on the team knew

about the fight before it happened," Mulvey stated. "Therefore, we were very concerned that players knew about the impending fight and did not report it to their coach or administration."

Mayor Thomas Koch said Quincy officials would review emergency plans for the Fore River Basin in the wake of a recent fire at the Clean Harbors waste disposal site in Braintree; officials from the city planned to meet with their colleagues in Braintree and Weymouth as part of that process.

"We're going to look at everything. What happened? How was the response? Was it adequate? And from there, every aspect of that — if it wasn't adequate, what was missing," the mayor said.

City councillors unanimously approved using \$95,000 in community preservation funds to make emergency repairs to shore up the Souther Tide Mill. The historic mill was at risk of collapse if the repairs were not made.

"Essentially this is to provide bracing for the pylons at the tide mill," said

Chris Walker, Koch's chief of staff. "The structural engineers took a look at it, as they do quite frequently, and it is in dire need."

MARCH

Following months of negotiations between the Quincy School Committee and the Quincy Education Association, the two sides agreed to bring in a state-appointed mediator to help reach an accord on a new contract.

"We continue to negotiate responsibly and in good faith, but believe we have reached the point after 16 negotiating sessions where the assistance of an independent, third-party mediator will prove valuable to the process," the School Committee's statement said. "We believe that a fresh set of eyes will help both parties find that path to an agreement."

In its statement, the Quincy Education Association said it did not believe the two sides were at an impasse but agreed to enter mediation to try and resolve the situation.

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ABOUT 200 Quincy teachers, families and parents rallied March 9 in front of City Hall for a new contract. Many held signs with messages to Mayor Thomas Koch and the Quincy School Committee including "Fair Contract Now," "Supporting Quincy Students equals Supporting Quincy Educators" and "It's No Lie... Parents Support the QEA" (Quincy Education Association.) Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth

"We do not believe that the two sides are at an impasse, nor are we confident that the pathway of mediation the school committee is now insisting upon is the most efficient path forward in these negotiations, but as a gesture of our willingness to try anything that might successfully resolve these negotiations, we signaled our willingness to enter into mediation," the teachers' union said.

The boys' basketball team at North Quincy High School and the girls' basketball team at Quincy High School both qualified for postseason play.

The Raiders advanced to the Round of 16 after Nate Caldwell hit a pair of clutch free throws with 0.4 seconds left in the team's Round of 32 game against Whitman-Hanson. North would bow to Nashoba in the Round of 16.

The Presidents bested Doherty Memorial High School in their opening game behind a team-high 20 points from Alyssa Hopps.

Quincy would bow to Framingham in the next game.

Sixteen new Quincy firefighters were sworn-in in front of a standing-room-only crowd at City Hall. Sworn into the department were: Christopher Barbone, Austin Kelley, Joaquin Robles, Michael Weeks, Michael Golden, Frederick Barsamian, Steven Conroy, Matthew Flaherty, Lincoln Humphrey, Daniel Gibbons, Matthew Goodrich, Thomas Koch Jr., Jeffrey Mitchell, Thomas Barrett, Deming Yang and Shane Bowen.

Hundreds of teachers rallied for a new contract outside of City Hall. "We do have an agenda," said Gayle Carvalho, the president of the QEA, at that rally. "It is for the more than 900 professional educators of the Quincy Education Association to be able to show up each and every day as our best selves for the 10,000 students of Quincy and their families."

Madeline Chen-Baryza, who studied both metal fabrication and engineering at

Quincy High School, was named the school district's Career Vocational and Technical Education Student of the Year. Chen-Baryza, who planned to major in engineering at Northeastern, said she decided to study metal fabrication after taking that class as part of freshman seminar.

"In the course, I've obtained a bunch of different skills from welding processes, to hand and power tool usage, safe work practices, machine operation, component installation and applied mathematical skills," she added.

Granite Telecommunications' 10th annual Saving by Shaving fundraiser raised more than \$4 million for Boston Children's Hospital. Among those taking part were Gov. Maura Healey, Mayor Thomas Koch and New England Patriots stars Matt Light, Devin McCourty and Matthew Slater.

Enzo Vallee and John Thomas Malvesti, both members of Scouts BSA Troop 6, received their Ea-

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From our Family to You and Yours, Best Wishes for a Happy New Year



The McDermott Family

Norfolk County

Sheriff

Patrick McDermott

Attorney

Tracy Wilson

Alana and Adam



Warmest Wishes to you and your family for a great holiday season.

Bruce and Maureen Ayers
State Representative



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Dozens Rally In Support Of Ruth Gordon Amphitheater

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gle Scout awards in a dual ceremony.

Kimberly Campbell of Quincy was crowned Ms. Petite New England 2023.

City councillors unanimously approved a resolution asking the administration to start the process of a zoning review. Councillor Nina Liang noted she has pushed for a residential tax exemption in recent years but doing so would not be feasible presently because the city's tax base is largely residential; residential properties comprise 85 percent of the tax base.

"If we can't do that, then let's get really creative with what we can do," Liang said. "It's really about, for me, pushing towards increasing opportunities for commercial development and that's a big conversation to unpack."

The Quincy School Committee and Quincy Education Association announced they had reached a tentative agreement on a new contract for the city's teachers. The agreement was reached after three mediation sessions.

"Both parties agree that this settlement represents a positive step forward for the district and our educational staff who work hard in the schools every day supporting students and families," the two sides said in a joint statement. "This new contract contains a number of significant improvements for Quincy educators. We are grateful for the work of both parties in reaching this contract and look forward to a continued collaborative relationship."

Under the tentative agreement, teachers were to receive a 3 percent annual

raise each year of the three-year deal. The agreement would also boost longevity pay for teachers; provide prep time for school guidance counsellors, nurses and other staff; and put in place a new parental leave policy. Those are all areas in which the two parties' proposals, which were made public earlier in March, differed from one another.

Following public outcry, Koch announced the city would not be moving forward with plans to demolish the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater, stating "At this point it's a dead issue as far as it being changed."

Earlier in the month, a group of residents began to raise concerns about a proposal to demolish the amphitheater. Those residents pointed to the minutes of the November 2022 meeting of the city's park board, which state, the "Administration would like to begin work to re-purpose/re-use of the Ruth Gordon Amphitheatre location as part of a bigger project at Pageant Field. Ruth Gordon's name and legacy will continue in another manner."

In an interview, Koch said the Department of Natural Resources had come up with the idea of demolishing the amphitheater to address safety concerns and provide additional space for recreational uses within Merry Mount Park. Those plans are now on hold, he stated.

At a rally following Koch's announcement, Sara Trainor Callard, the daughter of the late T. Owen Trainor, the architect behind the amphitheater, said a group of residents were working on a plan to renovate the outdoor venue.

"Collectively we have



DOZENS OF RESIDENTS rallied outside City Hall March 30 to urge the city to renovate rather than raze the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater. Among the speakers was Sara Trainor Callard, the daughter of the late T. Owen Trainor, the architect behind the amphitheater. She told the crowd she wanted to see the venue saved not because her father designed it, but because the public values the space.

Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth

the makings of an incredible arts organization right here," she said. "We have people that can do this, so let's all get together and let's do it."

APRIL

Less than two years after being diagnosed with chronic kidney disease, Brad Croall, the former Ward 2 city councillor, was at home recuperating after receiving a kidney from a former Quincy resident who had read about Croall's story in the newspaper.

"The Quincy Sun ended up saving my life," Croall said. "From my perspective, I was pretty salty when I read that article, because knowing that you're sick is one thing. Obviously, you know me from a surface level, I'm pretty private, pretty low key, I had a public job but I didn't want to be the center of attention."

"When I read that article, I...in a weird way had a high sense of conviction that that article and that sickness was not going to define who I was."

A local restaurateur unveiled plans to construct a new seven-story building with two floors of restaurant space and 43 apartments at 1445 Hancock St., the latest step in the effort to redevelop Quincy Center. Joey Arcari, president of the Broadway Hospital Group, presented plans for the site

to the Planning Board and said he was proud to be part of the new downtown.

"A lot of people ask, 'why Quincy?' and I find that a stupid question," Arcari said. "I tell them 'of course Quincy.' You just have to drive through the center here, you see all the development going on. You've got an incredible mayor, Mayor Koch, who is really driving all this new development stuff. I'm just honored to be part of it."

Sen. John Keenan was optimistic that Phillip Eng, Gov. Maura Healey's choice to run the MBTA, would be able to right the ship at the beleaguered transit agency, but said doing so could take time.

"The person she hired seems to be qualified," Keenan said of Healey's selection. "He was with the Long Island Rail Road from 2018 until his retirement and he also worked a chief engineer in New York's de-

partment of transportation, so he has some background in this. The reviews out of Long Island were that he did improve performance of the rail down there. He's been in the business for a long time."

A two-sport scholar-athlete at Quincy High School, Hailey Concannon accepted an appointment to West Point and planned to begin studying there after graduation. Concannon is believed

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Wishing Everyone a Healthy, Safe & Prosperous New Year



From City Council President
And Councilor-At-Large
Noel DiBona & Family

Noel, Niamh, Tyler, Aidan & Nora

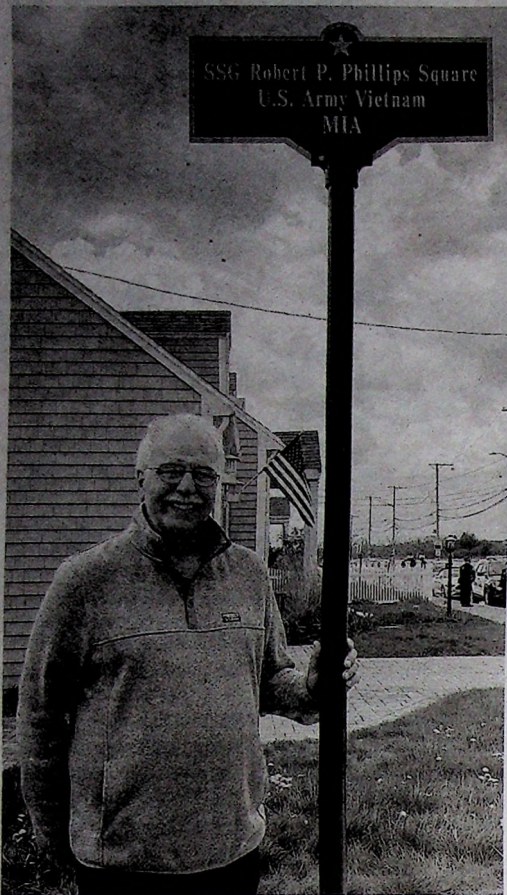
From our Family to yours!

Wishing you a joyful holiday and a very happy and healthy New Year.



Norfolk County Commissioner Joe Shea and Family

SSG Robert P. Phillips Memorial Square Dedicated



SSG ROBERT P. PHILLIPS SQUARE, located at the corner of East Squantum and Lansdowne streets, was dedicated on April 27. Listed as missing in action, he was executed after escaping from a prisoner of war camp during the Vietnam War. Pictured with the sign is John Magnarelli, a friend of Phillips' who also served in the Vietnam War.

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to be the first woman from Quincy High School appointed to West Point in the school's history.

"I've always sort of gravitated toward the military and love to lead people, obviously, and I just felt like pursuing a commission into the Army was the best path for me and West Point was a very viable option," said Concannon, who was a captain on the high school hockey and softball teams.

During a public hearing, an official with the state Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance said a new courthouse in Quincy could open as soon as 2028. The public hearing was being held to discuss DCAMM's proposal to buy the current district court from Norfolk County for \$10.4 million to set the stage for the construction of the new facility.

City councillors unanimously approved a resolution opposing the demolition of the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater and urging the Department of Natural Resources to renovate the facility ahead of its 40th anniversary.

"The purpose of this resolution is saying we're



THE NAME of Robert P. Phillips (bottom) was inscribed on the Vietnam War Memorial Clock Tower last year. There are now 50 names of Quincy residents who died as a result of the Vietnam War.

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als like this, there is no closure, and there shouldn't be. I want to thank you all for coming out today, and God rest Bobby."

Later that same day, some 100 veterans and residents gathered in Marina Bay to remember those who were killed decades ago in the Vietnam War, pledging never to forget those who paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving their nation.

"We humbly remember their selfless devotion, commitment to our freedom," said Joseph Flaherty, a Marine Corps veteran of the war and the day's keynote speaker. "They served and sacrificed with immense courage and bravery and left us with an example of service and commitment to our nation."

Five Quincy police officers were promoted: James Greene and William Ward to the rank of lieutenant and Matthew Benvie, Evan Sorigi and William Lanergan to the rank of sergeant.

MAY

The Quincy District Court was packed with elected officials past and present from around the state who came together to celebrate the 100th birthday of Frank Bellotti, the state's former attorney general and lieutenant governor. Bellotti said he did not know how to put into words how he felt

following the day's tribute.

"I don't know how to really explain how I feel. I look around this room and I see so many friends. In no other business can you have so many friends," he said. "It's difficult for me to try to put into words how much it means to me that you're all here and made me feel that it's a wonderful life. The only problem is that my wife is not here. She was here for 72 years and I truly miss her."

The School Committee voted 6-1 to approve a calendar for the 2023-24 academic year that would keep schools open on Lunar New Year, despite a push by students and other community members to make it a new school holiday. Committee member Frank Santoro, who supported adding the new holiday, voted against the calendar that was adopted.

Mayor Thomas Koch announced his budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 would include funding for a fourth Quincy Fire Department ladder company. Ladder 4 would be based out of the Houghs Neck fire station.

"With Ladder 4 going in down the Neck, the residents down Houghs Neck, Germantown, Adams Shore, they're going to see incredible response times," said Fire Chief Joseph Jackson. "They're going to have an engine and ladder pull up within five, six minutes with seven or eight members showing up to go to work should they need our services."

Koch announced he would be running for reelection in the fall. First elected in 2007, Koch would be seeking his seventh term overall, and third four-year term.

"We have a great story to tell about Quincy - the progress we've made, the challenges we've confronted

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Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year!



Norfolk County Treasurer Michael Bellotti and Family



Wishing you a joyous Holiday Season!

TACKEY CHAN
State Representative



LADDER 1 (left) and LADDER 4 (right) stood outside the McIntyre Government Center (old City Hall) May 9th as city officials announced a proposal to bring a fourth ladder company into service. The new ladder company would be based out of Houghs Neck. Ladder 1 was purchased from Harwich and Ladder 4 from Two Rivers, Wisconsin. *Quincy Sun Photo/Scott Jackson*

Koch Unveils \$405.78M Budget, Up 8.8 Percent

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ed head-on and the future we've helped to shape for future generations," he said. "I am greatly looking forward to sharing that story with our neighbors across the city over the next several months."

The Planning Board greenlit a local restaurateur's proposal to construct a new seven-story building with two floors of restaurant space and 43 apartments on Hancock Street in Quincy Center. Joey Arcari had proposed the building for 1445 Hancock St., which was previously home to Family Dollar.

At the same meeting, a Walpole-based developer unveiled plans to build a 53-unit building at 731 Hancock St. in Wollaston and a 27-unit building at nearby 13 Wentworth Road.

Koch unveiled his \$405.78 million general budget for the fiscal year that began July 1, an 8.8 percent increase over the current fiscal year's spending plan. The increase in budget would allow the city to meet the terms of new collective bargaining agreements for workers, create four new positions, and provide raises to department heads and other non-union appointees.

"I do believe this budget reflects the values of the community," the mayor said.

School administrators proposed a \$134.64 million budget for the 2023-24 academic year – an increase of \$8.2 million over the current budget – that would provide funding for 25 new positions, including teachers, guidance counsellors and paraprofessionals.

"We have a very, very healthy budget this year, which is great," said Supt. Kevin Mulvey.

Days away from what would have been his 73rd birthday, the intersection of

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Park Avenue and Standish Road in Squantum was dedicated in memory of Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Christopher Donahue, who was killed in the Vietnam War.

"The Marine Corps motto is 'Semper Fidelis,' 'Always Faithful,' and I think this morning is evidence that Squantum and the city of Quincy is always faithful as well," said Joseph Dunford, the retired chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "Although it is more than 50 years ago that we lost Christopher Donahue, we never forgot."

The Zoning Board of Appeals approved the request of Christopher Timmins for a variance to construct a three-story, 15-unit residential building at 105 Sea St., the former home of Imperial Terrace. Nearly two dozen residents spoke during the public hearing on the building, with 10 people in support of the proposal, 11 opposed to it, and one who said she was on the fence.

Matt Ramponi was named the boys' basketball coach at Quincy High School, taking over for Dave Parry. Ramponi had spent the past two years at the girls' basketball coach at North Quincy High School.

Maxwell Toomey, a member of Boy Scout Troop

42, received the Eagle Scout Award for leading a project to spruce up the Adams Shore World War II memorial.

As they began their review of the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, councillors agreed to put the discussion about raises for department heads and other non-union personnel on hold. Councillor Anne Mahoney said she expected councillors would have had a more thorough discussion about the proposed raises – which were recommended in a report provided to councillors in late April – before they appeared in the budget.

"I really do feel like the way we're looking at this and the way we're putting these salary increases into this year's budget is preventing us from having a real discussion of whether or not the salary increases that were suggested are fair and equitable across the board or disparaging to some people throughout our city departments," Mahoney said.

Ward 1 Councillor David McCarthy said the city's department heads and their staff have been underpaid, and that he had expected the recommended raises to be included in the proposed budget.

"Those numbers in most



HAPPY 100TH FRANK! – Former Massachusetts lieutenant governor and state attorney general Francis X. Bellotti acknowledges well-wishers after receiving a birthday cake celebrating his 100th birthday May 3 at a ceremony held at the Quincy District Courthouse named in his honor. The celebration was attended by family, friends and many past and present government officials. *Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth*

cases – I have some questions down the road – but in most cases are what that competitive salary analysis was done for," McCarthy said. "I was pretty much aware it was going to show up – not having any meet-

ings or anything, but after that presentation it was going to show up in this budget. I don't know why it wouldn't."

Councillors would complete their review of departmental budgets during back-

to-back hearings later on in May and held off on discussions of the raises until June. Councillors did trim \$95,800 from the budget to correct errors in the initial proposal.

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may your hearts be filled
with peace and love...
brotherhood and faith.



State Rep. RON MARIANO
Speaker of the House
Of Representatives

**Happy
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Bill O'Donnell
Norfolk County
Register of Deeds



POLICE CHIEF Paul Keenan and his wife, Karen, wave to parade goers along the Quincy Flag Day Parade route in June. Chief Keenan was the parade's grand marshal in recognition of his 40 years with the department. He retired later that month. Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Bosworth



HAPPY DAY – New Quincy Police Chief Mark Kennedy shares a moment with his two daughters, Ainsley (left) and Ava (right) moments before he was sworn in as the city's 18th police chief at a ceremony held in the Great Hall of the James R. McIntyre Government Center (old City Hall) June 23. Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth

Keenan Retires, Kennedy 18th Police Chief

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North Quincy's Zach Taylor was named the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association's Div. 2 player of the year for 2023. The senior forward averaged 24.9 points per game on the season while shooting 58 percent from the field.

The boys' volleyball team at Quincy High School qualified for the postseason. The team the bested South Lancaster Academy in its opening game before bowing to top-seeded Needham in the Round of 32.

The guest speaker at the city's annual Memorial Day observance encouraged those in attendance to reflect on the sacrifice made by the scores of Quincy residents who were killed in service to their nation and are now honored with memorial squares throughout the community. Robert Perchard, a retired sergeant major in the US Army, recalled how he and his wife, Linda, researched the 83 men memorialized with squares citywide.

"Each plaque has a story. How many times have you walked or drove by a memorial site and never re-

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ally given it much thought?" Perchard said. "They all represent a soldier that gave his life for our country."

JUNE

Councillor Anne Mahoney announced she would be running for mayor in the fall, setting up a showdown with the incumbent, Mayor Thomas Koch. Mahoney was concluding her sixth year on the City Council after a dozen years on the School Committee. In a statement, she said she was running to make Quincy a place where all residents can thrive.

"It is clear to me that to overcome these persistent issues, we need leadership in the executive office that is tireless and focused on the people we serve," Mahoney said.

The 404 members of the graduating class at Quincy High School and the 352 member-of North Quincy High School's graduating class received their diplomas at a pair of commencement ceremonies held inside Veterans' Memorial Stadium.

"It is my hope that each

of you, whether you have already found it or are still searching for it, may immerse yourself in a community that embraces your future," said QHS Valedictorian Christiana Nguyen. "For me, that place was Post Island, a neighborhood whose people taught me what it meant to open my arms to everyone. Knock on any door, and you'll find someone who says, 'Come in. You are welcome here.'"

"I leave everyone with a final thought, a simple yet powerful message that has guided us throughout our high school journey: Stay curious," said NQHS Valedictorian Dominique Dang. "Ask questions about new innovations, instead of blatantly ignoring them. Wonder why things are the way they are. Learn about yourself and how you interact with the world - that is the first step to move forward as a society."

The girls' lacrosse team at Quincy High School qualified for postseason play, bowing out in the opening road to Hopkinton. North Quincy High School's base-

ball likewise made the post-season tournament, beating Grafton in the opening game before bowing to top-seeded Milton in the Round of 32. The Raiders boys' volleyball team entered postseason play as the three-seed; they knocked off Nipmuc and Longmeadow in their first two contests before bowing to O'Bryant in an Elite 8 matchup.

Damion Outar was hired as the city's new community liaison. He most recently worked as an independent life coach, trainer and consultant. He was formerly a therapeutic coach for Fathers' Uplift in Boston and previously worked for the state Department of Mental Health. Outar said his first responsibility was to hear from as many people in the community as possible.

"I'm just going around, listening and connecting," Outar said. "My goal is to really hear from the person who is 101 years old and who has been here and who has seen and experienced the changes, and the person who just moved in last week. I want to connect with everybody or representation obviously from everybody.

It's 101,000 people."

City councillors passed a \$405.69 million general fund budget for the upcoming fiscal year after approving raises for department heads and other appointees. The raises and the overall budget were approved in a pair of 8-1 votes, with Mahoney opposed to both.

During the meeting, several city councillors said they supported the raises as proposed. Ward 5 Councillor Charles Phelan Jr., a longtime member of the Norfolk County Advisory Board and Quincy's former IT director, said other communities in the county pay their department heads more than Quincy does.

"I always was shocked by what some of the people in positions like DPW and parks in different areas around the county were making, and some of them were not rich towns. As a former department head in the city, I also know that we were fairly low," Phelan said.

City councillors also voted 7-2, with Mahoney and Nina Liang opposed, in favor of a \$13.97 million bond to pay for a new club-

house and other work at the Furnace Brook Golf Course as well as improvements to nearby Forbes Hill Park. The old clubhouse was slated for demolition in the fall and construction of the new one was expected to take 12 months.

Ward 3 Councillor Ian Cain, in whose district the golf course and park are located, thanked Natural Resources Commissioner David Murphy for his role in planning the improvements on site.

"Commissioner, I want to thank you for your patience and hard work in making this a truly collaborative effort to make this project the best it could possibly be not only for the area residents of Furnace Brook Golf Course and Forbes Hill Park, but the citizens of Quincy," Cain said.

Paul Keenan, Quincy's police chief for the past decade and a half, retired, bringing to an end his 40-year career with the department. As he prepared to leave, Keenan said the police department was in good shape with staffing at its highest level in decades and work underway on the new

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TINA CAHILL
School Committee

Happy Holidays!

William Harris
Ward 6 Councillor

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N.E. Free Jacks Rugby Champs

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public safety headquarters.

"I think the department is in an excellent place," Keenan said. "I'm very, very comfortable turning the reins over to the next person in line. I think it's going to be a seamless transition and I think we're operating on all cylinders."

Following Keenan's retirement, Mark Kennedy was appointed as Quincy's 18th chief of police. A 24-year veteran of the department, Kennedy said it would continue to innovate under his leadership.

"My command staff and I will continue to push forward; to innovate, build coalitions and look for ways to stay ahead of the curve," Kennedy said. "We will continue to provide the best police services for the citizens of Quincy while embracing the guardian mindset that has for decades been at our core."

Ten Quincy police officers were promoted one week later. James Flaherty and Ralph Willard were promoted to captain; James Parisi, Brian Flaherty, Joseph Lencki and David Pacino were promoted to lieutenant; and Christian Donovan, Christopher McDermott, Thomas Pepdjonovic and Michael Dougan were promoted to sergeant.

Five Quincy firefighters were promoted that same day. Mark Kennedy was promoted to captain and William Kelley, Wendell Cosgrove, David DeYoung and Joseph Verlicco were all promoted to lieutenant.

Quincy veterans and officials gathered at Central Middle School, vowing that the service and sacrifice made by American men and women during the Korean War would never be forgotten.

"We are here today to remember what has been labeled by some as 'The Forgotten War,'" said Jake Comer, a past national commander of the American

Legion. "Moments like this help us erase that label. Nothing about the Korean War should ever be forgotten, especially now as we recognize the 70th anniversary of the armistice that ended the fighting there."

JULY

Mayor Thomas Koch expressed interest in taking over several properties, including Wollaston Beach, from the state. The mayor said he had informal talks with then Gov. Charlie Baker about doing so but had not approached the administration of new Gov. Maura Healey about the idea.

"I believe that the state does a lot of things well, but I don't think DCR is adequately funded and I don't see how that is going to be a priority in the near future with the costs of education and health care and these other priorities that we're dealing with — mental health issues. I just don't know that it will rise to the level of funding that it needs to be," Koch said.

"If you take a ride around the city, our parks look pretty darn nice, and I think we would have the infrastructure in place."

The mayor added he had no interest in taking over the Blue Hills Reservation from the state.

John Quincy Adams' belief in equality was highlighted during a wreath-laying ceremony marking the sixth president's 256th birthday anniversary.

"From a young age, he sees inequality in the form of slavery and is appalled. Throughout his very long career, and especially in the final chapter of his career when he was in the United States Congress, he deepens his commitment to equality by bringing in diverse voices from society," said the Rev. Rebecca Froom, the minister of the United First Parish Church, where Adams and his father are entombed.



NEW ENGLAND FREE JACKS players Cam Davidowicz (left) and Conor Keys (right), proudly display the Major League Rugby Championship Shield and Eastern Conference Championship trophy at a rally celebrating the team's championship season July 15 at Veterans' Memorial Stadium. The Quincy-based rugby team plays its home games at the stadium.

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"He is in Congress committed to reading citizen petitions from people of many backgrounds, not all backgrounds. He was a prophet of his time but also a product of his time."

The New England Free Jacks, who play their home games at Veterans' Memorial Stadium, capped off a dream season by winning the franchise's first Major League Rugby championship. The Free Jacks bested the San Diego Legion, 25-24, in the championship match. New England had finished the regular season with a 16-2 record, good for first place in the Eastern Conference.

"I think today just how far we've come," team captain Josh Larsen said during a victory celebration in Quincy. "The city of Quincy has adopted us. When we go the streets, all we see is

Mitch Wilson's face all over the city. It's been one hell of a ride."

A total of 20 residents qualified for the ballot in the fall's municipal election, setting up contested races for mayor, City Council and School Committee. There would be no preliminary election in August, however, as not enough candidates made the ballot.

The ballot would include a race for mayor between the incumbent, Koch, and challenger Anne Mahoney, a sitting councillor at-large.

There would be three contested City Council races in the fall. In Ward 2, incumbent Anthony Andronico of Nicholl Street and challenger Richard Ash of Richard Ash of Mound Street both made the ballot. In Ward 4, incumbent James Devine of Cross Street and challenger Matthew Lyons

of Centre Street qualified for the ballot. In Ward 6, incumbent William Harris of Ashworth Road and challenger Deborah Riley of Landgrane Street secured spots on the ballot.

Incumbents David McCarthy (Ward 1), Ian Cain (Ward 3), Noel DiBona (at-large) and Nina Liang (at-large) were unopposed, as were two newcomers, Daniel Minton (Ward 5) and Scott Campbell (at-large).

Six candidates qualified in the race for School Committee: incumbents Paul Bregoli, Kathryn Hubley and Frank Santoro and challengers Courtney Perdios, Liberty Schaaf and Vincent Tran.

David Murphy, the city's commissioner of natural resources, said the city was looking to find space for new pickleball courts as the sport's popularity continued

to blossom.

"We have lined some of our tennis courts for use as both pickleball and tennis," he said. "We're finding that that's not enough and that we need to create some dedicated pickleball courts. Frankly, I don't think we're going to be converting courts because the demand for tennis is still very strong and our tennis courts are used regularly."

In that same interview, Murphy said he was impressed with the effort put in by the Friends of the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater to reactivate the outdoor venue in recent months. Murphy said he has also had discussions with the grassroots group about developing a long-term capital plan for the site.

Three Quincy firefighters were promoted — Patrick

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Happy Holidays!



**Ward 3 Councillor
Ian Cain**



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MAXWELL TOOMEY (right), a Boy Scout with Troop 42, led the effort to spruce up the Adams Shore World War II memorial for his Eagle Scout project. Pictured with him are his parents Debbie Lyn and William Toomey. *Courtesy Photo*

City Mourns Passing Of Planning Board Chair Richard Meade

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Dee to deputy chief, Christopher to captain and Cody Daniels to lieutenant – during a City Hall ceremony.

Geoff Hennessy, the director of the Quincy Track Club, said he would be retiring from his post. He said he would miss “just watching the program run like a well-oiled machine with an incredibly diverse group of kids” as well as “giving high school kids a chance to coach the sport and use that as a stepping stone to better jobs.”

Hennessy said the track club would go on without him, overseen by the city’s recreation department.

AUGUST

The city mourned the passing of Richard Meade, the former long-time director of the city’s planning department who had been serving as the chairperson of the Planning Board. Mr. Meade died Aug. 1 at the age of 77.

“He spent his life volunteering in the city of Quincy,” said James Fatseas, the city’s current planning

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director. “Unselfish is the word that comes to mind.”

Mayor Thomas Koch called on the state to hold a community meeting after officials announced the opening of a Family Welcome Center on the campus of Eastern Nazarene College in Wollaston. He said the public deserved to have such a meeting so their questions about the facility could be answered.

“I’ve had continued discussions with the lieutenant governor again asking them to hold a meeting, because people are asking me questions I don’t know the answer to, and I think the public deserves that respect,” Koch said. “I don’t know if there is a date yet but I know they are working on it.”

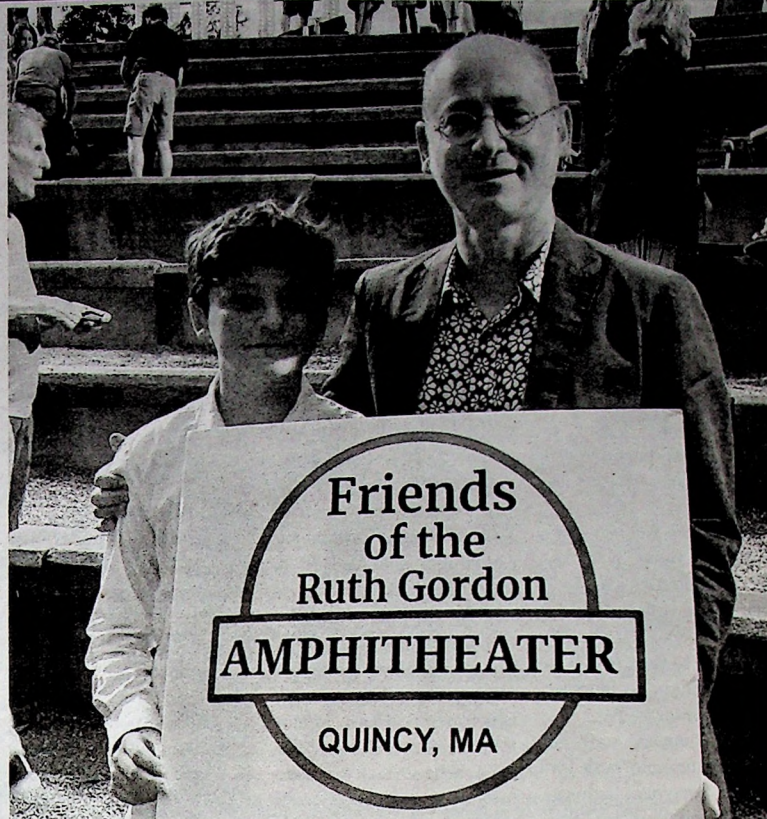
Boston Mayor Michelle Wu announced the city had received a Chapter 91 license from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to rebuild the bridge. With the permit in hand, Wu said the city would prepare to con-

struct the bridge and develop the recovery campus on Long Island, both of which should be ready to open in four years.

“We are planning not only for an expedited, quick process on the bridge reconstruction, which will work off of the still existing piers...of the former bridge but also a parallel track that is going to get the buildings up and running in phases so that...in four years when the bridge is done, the first phase of the campus will also be available and we can get right to it,” she said. “We can’t waste any time – any more time – on this project.”

Koch said he would be appealing the DEP’s decision. When asked about the basis of Quincy’s appeal, Koch said his legal team was working on that and he would “leave the language to them.” When asked about his concerns about the proposal to rebuild the bridge, Koch said his foremost concern has always been traffic.

“The biggest driver from day one has been traffic access to the island. In this



JACK HARRIS, grandson of the late Quincy born actress Ruth Gordon, attended and participated in a special event Aug. 4 at the amphitheater named in his grandmother’s honor. Also attending was Harris’s son, Abraham. The “Remembering Ruth Gordon” event featured a short play with actress Ann Danby about Ms. Gordon’s life, a tribute to Ruth by local singer Marcus Johnson and words of remembrance by Mr. Harris. *Photos Courtesy Helene Sansoucy*

day and age when everyone is talking about more water transportation, Long Island could be the hub for water transportation, ferry, in Boston. They ferry kids every day to the summer program out there, so I’m not really sure why not the ferry,” Koch said.

Supt. Kevin Mulvey said the Dr. Rick DeCristofaro Learning Center, a new school for students with autism, would be dedicated in October and would likely open in January. He said the new building would be a game changer because it would allow more students to attend school within their community rather than programs outside the city.

“This is going to be not only a game changer for Quincy but it could be a model...for other districts on developing their own in-house special education programming particularly geared toward students with autism, because the idea of actually keeping students within their home district and not having to put them on a bus and potentially transport for a half hour or

45 minutes or an hour outside of the district and not having parents close to the schools so they can have better, more hands on, access to their students, is the way to go,” Mulvey said.

The Zoning Board of Appeals approved three separate developments: A proposed 53-unit apartment building at 731 Hancock St., a 27-unit apartment building a nearby 13 Wentworth Rd., and a 32-unit condominium building at 21 Totman St. All three projects would require approval from the Planning Board as well.

In addition, the Zoning Board of Appeals continued until September the public hearing on a proposed recreational marijuana dispensary at 15 Liberty St. to give the applicant time to complete a traffic study.

A new picnic pavilion and other amenities were set for installation in Faxon Park later on in the year, Ward 2 Councillor Anthony Andronico said, and planning was also underway for future improvements, including pickleball courts and a frog pond that could

be used as a splash pad and for ice skating. Andronico had hosted a community meeting to review plans for the park.

“I wanted to have a community meeting to just make sure the parks team was on the right path,” he said. “The feedback that we got at well-attended public meeting that was advertised all throughout Ward 2 is that we are on the right track. So, a couple tweaks here and there, but I would expect in particular the new pavilion to go in by the end of the construction season.”

Plans to reconfigure and add a new traffic signal to the intersection of Willard Street and Ricciuti Drive in West Quincy were unveiled during a public meeting. State officials said they hoped to finalize the design by May 2025.

Work on the intersection was expected to cost \$1.5 million, not accounting for any necessary easements or takings. The state and federal governments would be covering the construction costs.

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9/11 Never Forget Memorial Mobile Exhibit Stops Here

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SEPTEMBER

Dozens of first responders, residents and elected officials gathered at Quincy Fire Department headquarters for a solemn ceremony marking the 22nd anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"I want to thank you all very much for being with us this morning," said Fire Chief Joseph Jackson. "This is the 22nd anniversary of the attacks on our country. Let's never forget the sacrifices made and the courage shown by so many Americans, so many of our brothers and sisters on this day 22 years ago."

The 9/11 Never Forget Memorial Mobile Exhibit came to Quincy Center for a week. The traveling museum includes items recovered from the World Trade Center site in New York and other exhibits about that fateful day. Bill Puckett, the manager of the museum, said not everyone has a chance to visit the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in Manhattan and "having this traveling exhibit allow us the opportunity to take that history to them."

More than 500 people were in attendance for a community meeting to discuss the opening of a state-run Family Welcome Center at Eastern Nazarene College. Over 40 residents spoke at the two-and-a-half hour meeting, many voicing their support for the facility with others raising concerns about it. At the outset of the meeting, state officials noted Massachusetts has had a right to shelter law on the books since 1983 and the state was now facing "a period of unprecedented demand on our shelter system."

William Doyle said the state's right to shelter law can be amended and urged

everyone in the room to lobby for a change.

"The governor and the legislature can change this very quickly. We as a room here, we want to fight. We want to call the legislature, call the governor, and tell them to amend this law. Why? Because we cannot sustain this many people in our state. We cannot pay for this," Doyle said.

"Tell them we've got to amend this law otherwise we're going to kick you out of office."

More than a dozen residents voiced their support for the migrants.

"I think my parents would be like rolling in their graves if they saw the hate in this room for immigrants, because my entire family is here because of immigrants from France, Canada, Italy and I have nieces and nephews who were born of immigrants," said Veronica Bertrand.

Bryan Jackson and Ryan Jewell were sworn in as Quincy police officers. Jackson transferred to the city from Cambridge and Jewell from Framingham.

The Quincy Housing Authority unveiled plans to build two new buildings on Bicknell Street in Germantown that would include a total of 16 apartments, all set aside for affordable housing.

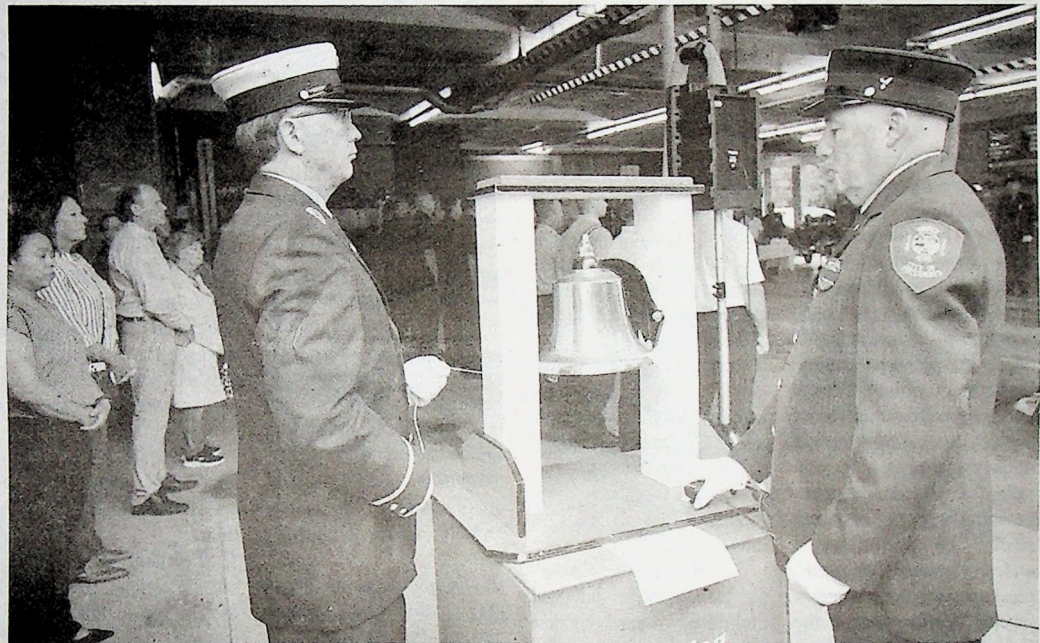
"This will actually be the first time since 1976 that Quincy Housing Authority has developed any affordable housing, which is desperately, desperately needed in the city," said James Marathas, the executive director of the housing authority, during a Planning Board hearing.

That same evening, the board approved a developer's proposal to build 53 apartments at 731 Hancock St. and another 27 apartments at nearby 13 Wentworth Rd.



VISITORS AT THE 9/11 Mobile Exhibit in Quincy pause as they look at metal fragments of destroyed FDNY fire apparatus recovered in the debris at the World Trade Center site in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The exhibit that features artifacts from the World Trade Center and guided tours from FDNY firefighters who responded to Ground Zero on Sept. 11, 2001 stopped in Quincy in September.

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SOMBER REMEMBRANCE - Lt. Ralph Blight, left, and Firefighter Matt Keenan, right, toll the bell in memory of those who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks during Quincy's annual 9/11 ceremony at fire headquarters Sept. 11.

The Zoning Board of Appeals approved a proposal to open a recreational marijuana dispensary at 15 Liberty St. If approved by state regulators, it would be the second recreational dispensary in the city.

Dozens of veterans, residents and city officials gathered at Marina Bay to commemorate National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

"Today we gather here

with heavy hearts in solemn remembrance to honor and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation," said Christine Cugini, the city's director of veterans' services. "The POW and MIA ceremony is a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by our brave men and women who served in the defense of freedom and democracy."

The developer behind Granite Links pressed pause on his request for a 99-year lease extension, citing the timeline for planned improvements to the intersection of Ricciuti Drive and Willard Street. In his letter to city councillors, Quarry Hills Associates President Thomas O'Connell said he "thought it best to pause the lease extension at this time."

"Given the current pro-

jected timeline regarding the Ricciuti Drive intersection safety improvements, Quarry Hills has made the decision to request the withdrawal of QHA's request for a 99-year lease extension," O'Connell said.

The two candidates running for mayor, incumbent Thomas Koch and challenger Anne Mahoney, met in their first debate, organized

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DeCristofaro Learning Center Dedicated

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by Quincy Access Television. The two discussed a number of issues, including affordability.

Mahoney said that "we're building right now for affluent people to come to live in the city of Quincy."

"As your mayor, what I promise to do is actually do a housing inventory to make sure we understand what we have today and know what we're building for tomorrow to ensure that people can afford to live here at all economic levels, not just the affluent," she said. "We'll also have to make sure the builders and whoever is developing in the city is also ensuring they're building for those different levels, not just putting it into a trust."

Koch said there is a shortage of housing in the Boston area, including Quincy, and creating more units helps bring costs down.

"Whether we build specific workforce housing, which we have, you continue to have to have units in the market place to level the rents as they are today. We've done almost 6,000 units in the last several years, which has added tremendously to the housing stock," he said. "We've added a number of workforce housing developments whether it's The Watson, the Kiley Building, the Joe Finn Building, a number of projects the affordable housing trust has also financed."

City officials announced plans to rehabilitate a pair of historic homes on Spear Street in Quincy Center to provide between eight and thirteen units of affordable housing. The city acquired the properties at 45 and at 47-49 Spear St. earlier in September for a combined \$2.1 million, using funds from the Affordable Housing Trust. Officials planned to use community preser-

vation funds to fix up the buildings.

OCTOBER

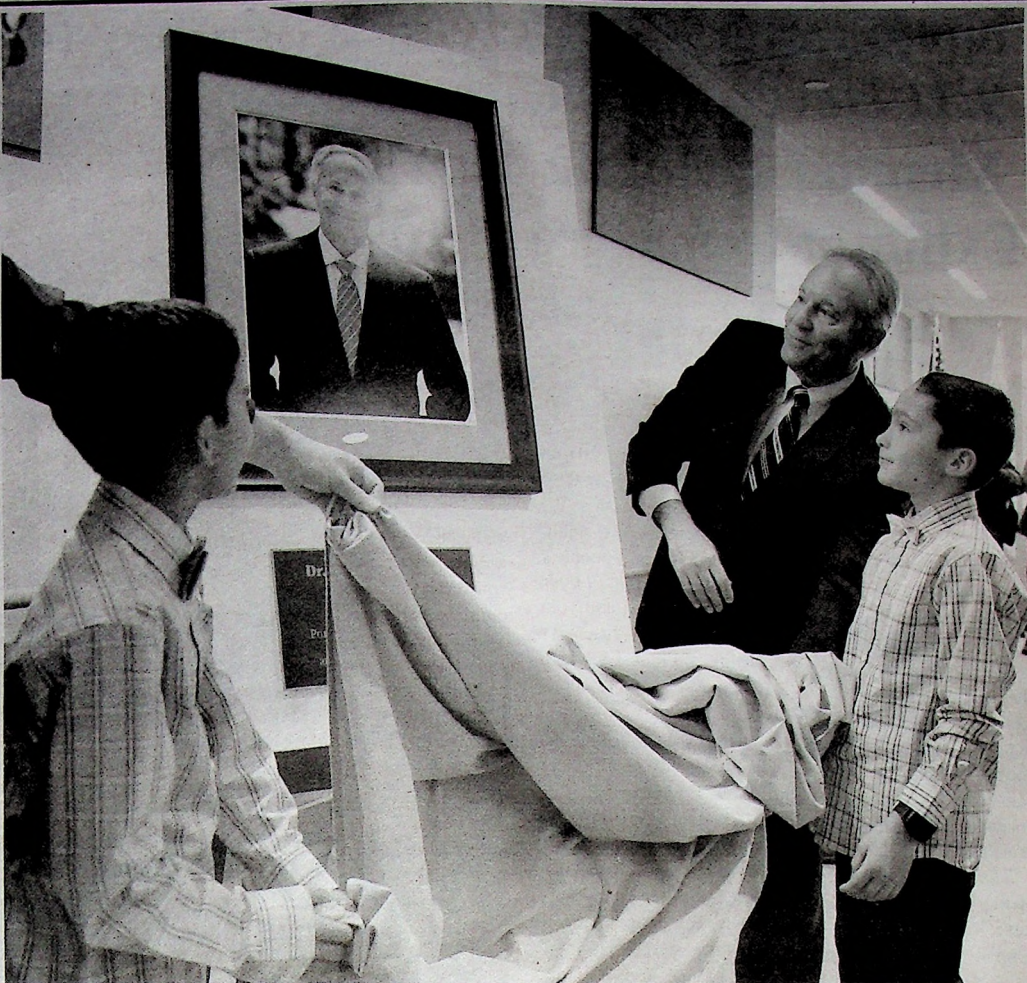
City councillors called on Mayor Thomas Koch to reinstate the Quarry Hills Advisory Committee by mid-December, one week after the developer behind Granite Links withdrew his request for a 99-year lease extension. Councillor Anne Mahoney, who introduced a resolution calling for the committee's reinstatement, said it would have an important role to play should another lease extension be introduced in the future.

"I'm just looking for this to be done before the end of the year so we can make sure we're paying attention to that 50-year lease and when and if something else comes back before the council we would be better prepared to be able to discuss those things," she said.

City councillors also passed a resolution, introduced by Ward 2 Councillor Anthony Andronico and Ward 4 Councillor James Devine, asking the administration to take a look at the zoning rules for recreational marijuana dispensaries. Andronico said the city's current rules essentially limit such facilities to parts of those two wards.

DJ MacKinnon of Atlantic Development unveiled preliminary plans for a new mixed-use development on the Parkway in Quincy Center that would feature a specialty grocery store, some 300 apartments, and a new municipal parking garage with up to 800 spaces. The grocery store was rumored to be a Trader Joes; MacKinnon said he could not confirm that rumor.

That same evening, the Planning Board approved the Galvin brothers' proposal to build a four-story, 30-unit condo building at 21 Totman St. Sean Galvin said the project had been altered



FORMER QUINCY SCHOOL Supt. Dr. Richard DeCristofaro and two grandsons, Ricky DeCristofaro (left) and Teddy DeCristofaro (right), unveil his portrait at the Oct. 22nd dedication of the city's new Learning Center for students with autism that is named for the former superintendent. The Learning Center is located on Old Colony Avenue in Wollaston.

Photo Courtesy Lisa Aimola

to better fit in with the surrounding neighborhood.

Koch and Mahoney met in their second debate organized by Quincy Access Television, fielding questions from local reporters on topics including transparency in the budget process, appointments to city boards, and the future of Quincy College.

Mahoney said she wants Quincy College to become part of the state's community college system and she does not want the city to be on the hook for a new home for the school.

"The taxpayers of the city of Quincy are paying for that college. Eighty percent of the kids that go to that college do not reside in Quincy. I didn't realize how rich the city of Quincy was. I know how hard people are struggling to stay in our city," Mahoney said. "The right place for Quincy College, which was when it was developed years ago, was to

be part of the state system, but it hasn't become that. Instead it's become a place where a lot of people have jobs and a lot of kids are not getting what they expect to be getting."

Koch said Quincy College serves a unique purpose and should remain for a long time.

"I certainly don't want to see the college go away. In fact, if you coupled it with the state system — it was talked about many years ago — the state would just close it and suggest you go to Massasoit or UMass Boston, so the city would lose that Quincy College in the heart of Quincy Center," Koch said. "I also think it brings vibrancy to Quincy Center and certainly adds to the whole experience of people enjoying the stores and restaurants as well."

The new Yawkey Housing Resource Center should be ready to open by early November, said John Yaz-

winski, the president of Father Bill's & MainSpring. The new building on Broad Street is more than twice the size of the former Father Bill's Place.

"Especially coming off the heels of the pandemic with Covid, being able to have a little bit more social distancing is really exciting," Yazwinski said. "The other piece of this is we're going to have a new delivery model this new building has allowed us."

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center announced plans to develop a comprehensive, multi-specialty ambulatory center on McConville Way in Quincy Center. Subject to local and state regulatory approvals, the project will provide a full spectrum of healthcare services, including primary care, urgent care, cardiology, OB/GYN, cancer care, orthopedics, a full suite of diagnostic radiology services, lab services and a re-

tail pharmacy, BIDMC said. It was projected to open in 2027.

City and school officials came together Oct. 22 to dedicate the Dr. Rick DeCristofaro Learning Center, a special education school in Wollaston that will have room for up to 350 students once it opens in early 2024.

"The design of this child-centered school is state-of-the-art in all aspects of education as well as state-of-the-heart," said Dr. Rick DeCristofaro, the longtime superintendent of the Quincy Public Schools and the building's namesake. "Here, parents and families will be provided a pathway of participation, of trust, of confidence, of optimism, of openness and significant opportunity to partner in their child's personalized education."

The design team behind the planned new Quantum Elementary School said

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Koch (54.89%) Defeats Mahoney (44.82%) For Mayor

Other Winners Contested Races: Ash, Devine, Harris, Perdios, Hubley, Bregoli

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they were seeking to build a nearly 80,000-square-foot facility, nearly twice the size of the century-old building it will replace.

Sen. John Keenan said he was optimistic state lawmakers would approve legislation criminalizing the sharing of revenge porn. Massachusetts was one of two states without such a law on the books.

"There is pretty broad support for this," Keenan said. "We've had many survivors come to us and tell us their story. At the hearing, we had some survivors come in and give their testimony. It was very compelling, very

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emotional for them."

On what would have been his 288th birthday, John Adams was celebrated for his contributions to democracy and for his support of education.

"John Adam said, 'I hope you avail yourself and your country of that extensive learning and industry which you possess to assist her in the formations of the happiest government and the best character of a great people,'" said Dr. Marianne Holdzkorn, an author and historian. "While John Adams was writing to a con-

temporary, I hope that we can embrace this appeal for ourselves in the present day. He would expect nothing less."

NOVEMBER

Mayor Thomas Koch won reelection in the city's municipal election, turning aside a challenge from City Councillor Anne Mahoney. Koch received 10,380 votes (54.89 percent) to Mahoney's 8,476 (44.82 percent), and carried all six of Quincy's wards, to win his third four-year term, and seventh term overall.

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QUINCY ELECTION WINNERS Contested Races



THOMAS KOCH
Mayor - 10,380 votes (54.89%)



RICHARD ASH
Ward 2 Councillor
1,149 votes (51.20%)



JAMES DEVINE
Ward 4 Councillor
1,499 votes (57.39%)



WILLIAM HARRIS
Ward 6 Councillor
1,892 votes (56.26%)



COURTNEY PERDIOS
School Committee
8,498 votes (20.48%)



KATHRYN HUBLEY
School Committee
8,296 votes (19.99%)



PAUL BREGOLI
School Committee
7,575 votes (18.25%)



NORTH QUINCY SENIOR running back Ben Hudach scored three touchdowns in the Raiders' 43-20 win over the Quincy Presidents in the 91st city football championship at Veterans' Memorial Stadium on Thanksgiving Day. Defending for Quincy are senior Josh Cannon (#2) and junior Jayden Francois (#16). Hudach caught a 4-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Mikey Galligan and rushed for two more scores (9 and 3 yards) in the holiday win. Galligan also threw two other touchdown passes.

Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth

Quincy for the confidence they showed in me," Koch said. "It was a healthy win and I'm proud of that."

The election also saw challenger Richard Ash unseat incumbent Ward 2 Councillor Anthony Andronico in a close race that Ash won by 55 votes while Ward 4 Councillor James Devine and Ward 6 Councillor William Harris won reelection in contested races. In addition to Ash, two other newcomers were poised to join the City Council in January having run unopposed for open seats. Daniel Minton was elected to the Ward

5 seat vacated by Charles Phelan Jr., who opted not to seek reelection, and Scott Campbell was elected to the seat the at-large being vacated by Mahoney.

In the School Committee contest, Courtney Perdios was the top vote getter in a six-person field. Incumbents Kathryn Hubley and Paul Bregoli were both reelected after finishing second and third in the contest while fellow incumbent Frank Santoro lost his seat after placing fourth. Liberty Schaaf placed fifth in the election and Vincent Tran was sixth.

The girls' volleyball

teams at Quincy High School and North Quincy High School both qualified for postseason play. Quincy beat Malden in the preliminary round of the Div. 1 tournament before bowing to Barnstable. North defeated Nashoba Regional in its first game of the Div. 2 tournament, then knocked off Hopkinton in the Round of 16 before bowing to Algonquin in the quarterfinals.

North's football team likewise qualified for the playoffs. The team bowed in the opening round of the Div. 2 playoffs to Barnsta-

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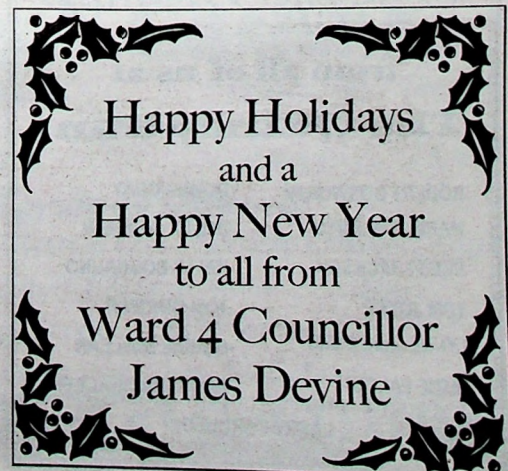
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Median Property Tax Bill Rising \$531 Or 8.3 Percent

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ble.

The Planning Board voted to approve the Quincy Housing Authority's proposal to build 16 new apartments on Bicknell Street in Germantown.

Addressing an audience of several hundred veterans and residents on Veterans Day, a retired colonel in the US Army Special Forces said we all owe a debt of gratitude to the nation's veterans:

"I truly believe that collectively we owe a debt of gratitude to all veterans and must ensure that their needs are addressed when they return home from their service to the nation," said Donald "Garrett" Greenwood, a sergeant in the Quincy Police Department.

"While some veterans return with physical wounds that require rehabilitation and accommodation, other veterans carry with them the invisible wounds of mental trauma that can be just as debilitating. Additionally, veteran homelessness and veteran mental health issues remain all to prevalent today and have become a permanent fixture on the national landscape."

City councillors approved Mayor Thomas Koch's request to take by eminent domain the IHOP building in Quincy Center for \$9.45 million, setting the stage for redevelopment on the former Ross Lot that could include a new specialty grocery store, some 300 apartments and a new municipal parking garage with up to 800 spaces.

"The completion of the acquisition process will allow the city to move forward with the next steps, which include a land disposition agreement and development plan for the above referenced property that will be submitted to this body in the near future," said James Fatses, the city's planning director.

A land disposition agreement, allowing the city to



THE WINNER OF THE Father Thomas Tierney Grand Prize for Best Overall Non-Commercial Float in the 70th annual Quincy Christmas Parade Nov. 26 was this float entered by the Town River Sailing Program. Town River received a plaque and a \$2,000 cash award. Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Bosworth

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sell a 66,244-square-foot parcel of land, including a portion of the former Ross Lot as well as a section of Parkingway that is to be discontinued, to Atlantic Development for \$7.3 million was submitted to councilors the following week and referred to committee for review.

North Quincy High School rolled past Quincy High School, 43-20, in the annual Thanksgiving Day football. The Raiders were led by senior running back Ben Hudach, who rushed for two touchdowns, caught a third and had 115 yards from scrimmage in the contest, and junior quarterback Mikey Galligan, who threw for 238 yards and three touchdowns while rushing for 67 yards.

"Quincy versus North Quincy, you can throw the records out," said North coach Ryan Craig. "Those kids played tough today. Well respect to them. They were ready to go, we were ready to go, and it's always a great game."

Thousands attended the 70th Quincy Christmas Parade which featured which featured dozens of bands and floats, plus scores of costumed characters, making their way along the 2.7-mile parade from Quincy Center to North Quincy. The

theme of this year's parade, "Candy Cane Dreams," was submitted by Quincy resident Mia Sorgi who was among those who participated in the march.

The Quincy-North Quincy High School marching band was the overall winner in the day's band competition and the Town River Sailing Program received the Father Thomas Tierney Grand Prize Award for best overall non-commercial float.

DECEMBER

The property tax bill for the median single-family home in the city of Quincy

was set to increase \$531 or 8.3 percent in the new year.

The new tax rate for residential properties is \$11.27 per \$1,000 of assessed value, up from \$11.13 while the commercial rate was rising from \$22.18 to \$22.45. The median assessed value for a single-family home in the city in fiscal year 2024 is \$616,200, according to Colleen Healy, the chairperson of the city's assessors, up from \$576,200. The change in property values and the rise in the tax rate means the property tax bill for the median single-family home in the city will rise from \$6,413 to \$6,944, an increase of \$531.

Veterans and officials from Quincy and Braintree came together aboard the USS Salem to remember the 2,400 Americans killed 82 years prior during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Braintree Mayor Charles Kokoros said it was appropriate to be holding the day's ceremony aboard a retired Navy vessel.

"The USS Salem, a floating testament to the strength of our nation and the indomitable spirit of those who served, reminds us of the sacrifices made to secure the freedoms we cherish," Kokoros said. "Today we honor the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice and express our gratitude to

the veterans who answered the call of duty during that pivotal moment in our history."

Speaking to the crowd of more than 150 people who gathered on the Hancock-Adams Common to celebrate the first night of Hanukkah, Rabbi Dr. Alfred Benjamin encouraged those in attendance to share their light with the world.

"Be a candle to other people," Benjamin said. "Take the warmth of who you are, the joy of who you are, the traditions of who you are, share that out there and just bring that light into other people's lives, because we need it. We need each other. We really do."

In Memoriam - 2023

The following community members passed away in 2023 and had their obituaries featured in The Quincy Sun. The obituaries were submitted for publication by the funeral homes.

JANUARY

D'Lani T. Davis, 62, vice president, Bank of America; Pasquale R. 'Pat' Di Mattio, 97, World War II Army veteran; Richard M. Cullen, 86, Korean conflict Army veteran; Barbara S. Noland, Amherst teacher's aide; Joseph Doherty, 75, owner, Coddington's; Ruth Walsh, 80; Barbara R. Elwood, 73, secretary, Gillette; Clara Hellmuth, 92; Claire McGillicuddy; Margaret F. Novak,

83, New England Telephone Company employee; Eleanor M. Kustka, 90, executive secretary, Gillette; Paula A. LaCascia, 86, New England Telephone Company assistant manager; Edward P. Lyons, 80.

Karen Marie Baronie, 67, registered nurse; Monica Mannion, nurse; Daniel J. Munkley Jr., 71, Brigham and Women's employee; Patricia A. Sordillo, 61, registered nurse; George F. Gardiner Sr., 83, trustee, First Baptist Church of Wollaston; Janice M. Philie, 77, nurse; Paul A. Rugg, electrical engineer, Boston Edison; Francis C. Perfetuo, 81, letter, US Postal Service;

Thomas G. Bowes, 72, bus operator, MBTA.

Gary J. Saunders Sr., 65, Local 1421 member; Barbara M. Robinson, 89, branch administrator, MetLife; Mary L. Seghezzi, 93, State Street Bank employee; June F. Piccarini, Quincy City Hospital employee; Michele D. Glennon, 81, religious education office, Sacred Heart Parish; Thomas W. Jenkins, 64, carpenter, Local 40; Hildegard A. Gillis, Spanish teacher, Silver Lake Regional High School; Charles A. McDowell, 84, Peace Corps volunteer; Martin F. Joyce, 91, sales representative, NovaCor; Gloria Marini, 92; Robert A. Rand, 80, mechanical engineer; John G. Feller, 86, UPS driver; Katherine Walsh, 69, New England Life employee.

FEBRUARY

Wai Hung Chan, 85, chef; Clair Cashman, Teamster, Local 25; Mary A. Peretti, 91, school department employee; Mohamed Nahas, 74, owner, Nahas Leather; Joanne C. Knowles, 61, nurse; Mark E. Fortune, 58, carpenter, Local 33; Donato L. Del Vecchio, 80, supervisor, DiCenso Properties; Mary A. Shidler, 82; Elea-

nor Hallsen Iliff, 93, homemaker; James F. Buttomer Jr., 68, audio engineer; Amy Shea Slattery, 48, academic advisor.

Michael D. Donaghue, 70, employee, David J. Donaghue insurance; Thomas F. Murphy, 69, US Postal Service employee; Martha Leone; Natalie Raedy, 85; Sheila M. Pitts, 82; Kenneth F. Wood Sr., 81, Vietnam era Navy veteran; Norma Roche; James A. DePietro, 87, Boston Edison employee; Joanne M. Greene; Margaret A. Forte-Golden, Ben Franklin Press employee; Robert C. Ciulla Sr., owner, Squantum Cutters; Evelyn Crocker; David G. Jones, 55, maintenance supervisor; Arlowane Clark, 89, flight attendant, Eastern Airlines.

Joseph L. Zagami, 83, owner, Jim's Automatic Transmission; Doris M. Marshall, 86, lifetime member, Massachusetts Foster Parent Association; George R. Alcott III, 69, past vice president, Massachusetts AFL-CIO; Judy Pitts, parishioner, Christ Church Quincy; Linda F. McGillicuddy, teacher, St. Ann School; Gerald C. Martin Jr., owner, JJ Mulligan's;

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Maria T. Anastasi, 65, school department employee; Barbara J. Traynor, 81, waitress, Pizza Hut; Daniel T. Dzengeleski, 63, machinist; Brian J. Donnelly, 76, former congressman and ambassador.

MARCH

Eunice T. Kelleher, 100, New England Telephone Company employee; David B. Eisenhauer, 63, Army veteran; David E. Peak, Marine Corps veteran; Michael J. Marshall Jr., 34, pilot; Daniel McAuliffe Jr., 74, owner, Galahad Associates; Virginia G. Clark, 82, St. Thomas Rectory employee; Robert E. Pettengill, 84, Navy veteran; James H. McAleavy, 70, Army veteran; Rosemary Lyons, 92; Rose C. Donovan, 77; Jean Dostie, 89; Dorothy A. Mitchell, 80; Paul A. Brodeur, 72, coordinator, St. Joseph's Food Pantry.

Peter J. DiMaggio, mechanic, Herb Chambers; Michael J. Blasi, 70, operations manager, NASA; Shirley M. Harrington, 93, trustee, Houghs Neck Congregational Church; Robert A. Verrochi, 81, Army veteran; Theresa Lungari, 92, secretary, Braintree High School; Beverly A. Kidney, 86; Frances M. Cooper, 90, salesperson; the Bargain Center; Rosemarie A. Gallo, 83, computer operator, CNA Insurance; Joseph W. Robichaud Jr., 77, Vietnam War Navy veteran.

James F. X. Herbert, 88, guidance counselor, Natick Public Schools; Patricia H. Ryan, 81, treasurer, Boston Harbor Lobsterman Co-op; Mark J. Torchetti, 61; William A. Kesaris, owner, Clam Box restaurant; Daniel J. Doyle, 62, Army veteran; Ann C. McKechnie, 69, global operations specialist, State Street Bank; Anthony L. Fratolillo, 71; Richard A. Lallis, 78.

Wallace H. Pearson, 97, president and treasurer, First Presbyterian Church; Jane C. Rubino, 71; Robert A. Flaherty, 76, Vietnam era Marine Corps veteran; Sheila B. Grant, 79, Quincy Public Schools lunch monitor; Charlene M. Cullen, member, Quincy Lodge of Elks; John A. Delorey; Meredith J. Baker, 59, process and systems manager, Berklee College of Music; John C. Grant, 90, General Motors employee; Robert D. Wilson, member, Quincy Design Selection Committee; Stephen T. Decelle, 62.

APRIL

Francis J. McGinty, 76, civil engineer, MDC; Dorothy C. Blyth, 86, UMass College of Nursing employee; Joan P. Malvesti, 81, New England Telephone Company staff manager; Gayle M. Harding, 78, Han-

cock Park employee; Robert G. Gordon, 90, Korean War Navy veteran; Anthony M. Cascarano, 39, Quincy Credit Union financial service representative; Carol A. Bradbury, 83, Treasury Department employee; George P. Valli, 91, manager of shipping and receiving, Jacobson Floral Supply; John E. Igo; Eileen M. McGowan.

Constance A. Ryan, 88, registered nurse; Kenneth J. Bresnahan, 77, Boston firefighter; Richard T. Connell, 79, Vietnam War Army veteran; Italina 'Edie' Steinmetz, administrative assistant, Little House Health Center; Mark McGowan, 52, electronics repair technician; John D. Myers, all-star basketball player in high school; Denise Anderson, 45, corrections officer, Norfolk County Sheriff's Department; Linda M. Wilson, 72, volunteer, Dana Farber.

John J. 'Jack' Lydon Jr., 82, Ward 3 city councilor; Filomena DiPaolo, 91, seamstress, Brooks Brothers; Tracy A. Campbell, 59, owner, Peggy O'Neil's Pub; Beth E. Russett Goodwin, Quincy Choral Society member; Edna A. Sullivan, 77, National Park Service park ranger; David To, Quincy Public Schools teacher; Dorothy J. Peak, 59, licensed practical nurse; Samira Achi Azar, 61; Nancy E. Cirillo, 91, owner, Villa Rosa Restaurant; Priscilla B. 'Beth' Little, 72, teacher, Massachusetts Hospital School; Thelma A. Freedman, 90, member, Quincy Jewish Committee.

Mary Kennedy, 101, nurse, Mass. General Hospital; Francine C. Wright, 69, director of HR, Eastern Nazarene College; Susan Shack, preschool teacher; Jayne M. Callahan, 85, Houghs Neck Garden Club member; Lina M. Reid, 73, writer; Beatrice L. Sweatt, 78, nurse, Quincy City Hospital; Kevin M. Anderson, 58; Robert G. Mitchell, 56, Humane Society bronze medal recipient; Ann L. Pierce, 89, manager, Fashion Barn; Mary Pat Green, Boston schoolteacher; Brian J. McMahon, 73, Navy veteran.

MAY

Jill C. Button, 39, Boston College hockey player; John Drohan Neal, 57, E-911 specialist, Quincy Police Department; Linda E. Ferrara, 95, assembler, Raytheon; Donna R. Giudici, 69, Fontbonne Academy teacher; Dawn L. Williams, 65, emergency room nurse, Jordan Hospital; Linda M. Paluzzi, 74, Braintree Lodge of Elks member; Florence P. Ciardelli, 94, Quincy Public Schools food services employee.

Jane Raymond, 70, wa-

ter aerobics instructor, Quincy YMCA; Pamela S. Sawyer, 79, daycare operator; Joseph F. Flynn Sr., 92, Korean conflict veteran; Evelyn A. 'Dolly' Volpe, 85, baker, Stop & Shop; Lauretta A. Gill, 92, registered nurse, St. Margaret's Hospital; Susan J. Sullivan, 79, assistant buyer, Jordan Marsh; Nancy E. Young, 55, teacher, the May Institute; Tindara 'Rose' Boncaldo, 87, member, Ladies Garment Workers Union; Robin Lee Drews, 63, contract negotiator, Analog Devices; Ann M. McDonough, 79, president, 1000 Southern Artery Tenants Association; Geraldine F. Shepherd, 96, officer, Quincy Elks.

Sigrid Pearson, 77, director of medical records, Massachusetts Respiratory Hospital; Francis R. O'Handley, 33, Shaw's Supermarket employee; Joseph G. Ayube, 74, Pierce Aluminum employee; Gezdard Muhu, 88; Thomas G. Costigan, 95, Army veteran, Korean War; Shayne Murray, 36, library assistant, Thomas Crane Public Library; John J. Joyce, 83, Laborers Local 22 member; Elizabeth A. Burrell, 69, clerk, Previte's; Leo McAuliffe, 71; Rhea McGonagle, accountant; Alexander N. Stromberg, 44, chef.

Alexander H. Campbell, 88, electro-mechanical designer, Stone and Webster; Mark E. Donnelly, 56, MWRA employee; Richard S. Wainwright Jr., Mass. State Trooper; Rita L. A. Robateau, 93; Geraldine A. Joyce, 98; Robert J. Largey, 62, MBTA employee; Rita A. Delgiacco, 96, General Dynamics employee; Derreck J. Shuman, 37.

JUNE

Laura J. Murphy-Eagles, pediatric oncology nurse; Delia T. Penzo, 89; Mark Jarvis, 67, real estate agent, Granite Group Realtors; Dennis C. Thomson, 82, Boston police officer; Elsie J. LeVangie, 100, Quincy City Hospital volunteer; Henry Frank Verlicco, 72, US Navy Seabee; Giovanni 'John' Angelucci, 100, owner, John's Stylist; Nellio DiTullio, 99, recipient, Bishop Cheverus Medal.

Luigi V. 'Lou' Pasquale, 96, World War II Army veteran; Priscilla B. Bonica, 20, captain, Quincy High School basketball team; Rita N. McKenna, 98, Squantum School teacher; Yasmine M. Padula, 55; Dorothy Louise Boyle, 74, Quincy school bus driver; Philip C. Attardo, World War II and Korean War Air Force veteran; Victoria Raagas, 77, CPA; Lois Joanne Salenius, 92, administrative assistant, Archdiocese of Boston; Paul C. Neimann, 77, electrical maintenance operator, Bos-

ton Edison; Jean M. O'Hara, 88, New England Telephone Company employee.

Margaret M. 'Peggy' Joyce, 91, Council on Aging volunteer; Helen M. Alexander, 87, quality control inspector, Electro Switch; Maura Jane Jago, film industry salesperson; Anne T. O'Brien, supervisor, New England Telephone Company; Duey DiCesare, 97, quality control inspector, Boston Gear Works; John F. 'Jake' Hanley, 89, tool and die maker, Polaroid; Joseph M. Walgreen, 80 fabricator, Fore River Shipyard; Albert S. Capobianchi, 92, Army veteran, Korean conflict.

David W. Brown, 86, reference director, Thayer Public Library; Robert E. Dunn, recipient, State Police Medal of Merit; Robert J. Long, Marine Corps Vietnam veteran; Rosario C. Santoro, World War II Navy veteran; Christopher Noble, 52, Quincy-North Quincy Football Hall of Fame member; Stephen J. Graham, 70, Quincy firefighter; John E. Walker Jr., 69, Varsity Club general manager.

JULY

Michael W. Chenette, 57, Bronze Star recipient; Thomas F. Folan, 85, Laborers Local 223 member; Henry P. Bradley, Museum of Fine Arts employee; Roger P. Belanger, member, New England Teamsters Union; Janice E. Cosgrove, 83, member, International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees; Athanasios 'Arthur' Kyranis, 86, owner, Maria's Restaurant; Thomas A. 'Tony' Dee, plaster; Joseph P. Marinelli, 92, Korean conflict Navy veteran; Vandalla McDonald, 97, Raytheon employee.

Richard F. Morrissey, 98, World War II Navy veteran; Justin Rogers, 28, Ironworkers Local 7 member; Audrey A. McGowan, 86, co-owner, Artery Groceries; Richard E. Waldron, 90, Korean War Air Force veteran; Elaine J. Nelson, 82, executive secretary; Caterina De-

Vito, 82, homemaker; Lita J. Raftery, 91, Boston meter maid; Rita M. Newcomb, 84, accounting supervisor, NYNEX; Robert E. Moran, 66, MBTA employee; Arlene F. Roberts, 81, owner, The American Indian Store; Nancy J. Laracy, 85, New England Telephone employee.

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Barbara L. Keenan, 83, co-owner, Caralily's Café; Gaynell 'Charlie' R. Cooper, executive secretary, the Quincy Patriot Ledger; Claire E. Cattaneo, 90, Bible teacher; Richard J. Cross, 29, auto mechanic; Kenneth R. 'Bob' Barry, 84, metal fabricator; Constance M. Boudreau, Quincy Public Schools cafeteria worker; Nicholas Palmucci, 80, hair salon owner; Edith J. Walsh, 82; Mary M. Folan, 82, First National Bank of Boston employee; Lee A. McDonauld, 55, dental hygienist; Joseph M. Carroll, 84, business agent, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1445; Elena Iacobucci, 89, Cub Scout mom; Juanita Gulizia; Rev. James J. McCarthy, chaplain and athletic director, Archbishop Williams High School.

AUGUST

Richard H. Meade, 77, city of Quincy planning director; Bridget C. Poland, 94; Claudia G. Marinilli, 86, Milton's employee; David A. Deskins, 79, Vietnam War Navy veteran; Richard E. Wuori, 76, member, Sheet Metal Union Local 17; John

M. Quinn Jr., Quincy firefighter; Patricia A. Buckley, 81, licensed practical nurse, Quincy City Hospital; Patricia J. Harding, 92, adjunct instructor, Quincy Junior College; Robert J. Sullivan, 85, superintendent of buildings and grounds, UMass Boston.

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Fun Programs For Adults, Families At MPL In January

By JEAN HLADY
Milton Public Library

During the month of January, the Milton Public Library is offering some enjoyable programs for adults and families.

The Milton Knitting Group continues on Thursday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 10 a.m., both held in the lower level Conference Room. Drop in to share your knitting project, find companionship, and learn tips and tricks. (Please note that this program is not a class to teach beginners but instead a group activity for people who already have some facility with the craft.) No signup is required, but if you would like to start receiving reminder emails from the organizer, send a message to jhlady@milton.ocln.org and she will make sure you are added to the list.

Then, on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m., there will be a virtual talk via Zoom called "The Life of the American Black Bear." The speaker will be photographer Bob Michelson, as he follows biologists who study the American Black Bear in the wild, by visiting a bear den after cubs are born in early March in northern New Hampshire. Black bears are now expanding south and east throughout their range, which means they are denning as far east as Worcester County and Merrimack Valley in Massachusetts. Advance registration is required to attend and use this link to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/2bmjxr5n>.

Adult Yoga continues in the New Year on Tuesday, Jan. 16th, at 7 p.m., with Instructor Sheila Armstrong and there will be a second yoga class this month with Instructor Marianne Zullas, on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 11 a.m. To sign up for either of these programs, go to the Milton Public Library website: www.miltonlibrary.org and click on "events" to find the registration forms (individual date signup is required). Attendance is limited and registration opens about 3 weeks before each date.

The Celebrity Book Club will hold its next meeting on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. This hybrid program will be a discussion of "The Best of Adam Sharp" by Graeme Simson, which was recommended by Toni Collette. To reserve the book, call the Reference Dept. or go online at www.miltonlibrary.org. Please register in advance at our website, and indicate your preference for in-person vs. virtual (Zoom) when you sign up.

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m., our monthly movie is back with the film "Book Club - The Next Chapter." The film stars Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candace Bergin, and Mary Steenburger (c2023). No signup is required to attend. A close-knit group of four women entering their golden years decide to embark on a non-holds-barred luxury excursion to Italy, and it is a delightful fictional travelogue. The women experience a crazy series of madcap adventures along the way to keep us laughing! It is rated PG-13 for

January Children's Events, Activities At Crane Library

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Coding Club for Grades 2-3

Join us for beginning coding for grades 2-3. In this 5-week program series, we'll learn about the basics of coding and practice recognizing patterns, breaking instructions into steps, and working with sequences. Please note that this is a screen-free program.

The program takes place on the following dates, Mondays, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26 and 3/4 at 3 p.m. If you sign up, please commit to coming for 5 weeks as they build on each other.

Registration is required and is limited to Quincy residents in grades 2 and 3 and is subject to approval by the library. Registration begins on Tuesday, Jan. 16th at 9 a.m. online at thomascranelibrary.org, by phone at 617-376-1300 ext. 4 or in person at the Main Library Children's Room.

There is no wait list for this program.

Coding Club for Grades 4-5

Join us for this 5-week session of beginners Scratch for 4th and 5th graders with source materials from Girls Who Code.

The program takes place on the following dates Thursdays 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/29 and 3/7 at 3 p.m. If you sign up, please commit to coming for 5 weeks as they build on each other.

Registration is required and is limited to Quincy residents in grades 4 and 5 and is subject to approval by the library. Registration begins on Tuesday, Jan. 16th at 9 a.m. online at thomascranelibrary.org, by phone at 617-376-1300 ext. 4 or in person at the Main Library Children's Room.

There is no wait list for this program.

All programs sponsored and supported by the Friends of the Thomas Crane Public Library.



MILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S programs in January include a virtual talk via Zoom called "The Life of the American Black Bear" on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. with photographer Bob Michelson. Courtesy Photos

profanity, alcohol use, and minor sexual content, and the running time is 1 hour, 47 minutes so it is not suitable for children. (The movie snow date is Jan. 24.)

Writer-in-Residence Hallie Ephron will be giving a series of workshops this spring to help those who are interested in learning to write better, and perhaps get their work published. On Monday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m., Hallie will help writers discover how to mine your own experience to write a personal essay that brings your memories to life on the page and finds meaning in them. Author Suzette Standring will join Hallie to share insights and writing tips. Come prepared to write! This class is called: "Intro to Writing from Personal Experience" and you need to sign up in advance at our website to attend. Go to: www.miltonlibrary.org, click on "events" to find the registration form for this workshop.

Also participants will have the opportunity to register for a series of follow-on personal essay writing workshops as part of a small group with whom they can share their work. This series includes 3 workshops held on Jan. 29, Feb. 12 and Feb. 26, and will conclude with a public reading on March 18. Registration for the Jan. 22nd program opens on Jan. 1st, and to learn more about the Writer-in-Residence Program, visit www.miltonlibrary.org/about/writer-in-residence.

There will be a virtual presentation on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. via Zoom called: "Armchair Travel: Experience the Rainforest and Wildlife of Belize" with Naturalist and Photographer Joy Marzolf. Located in Eastern Central America, Belize shares a border with Guatemala and Mexico. From the crystal blue ocean waters and inland to the nearby mountains, it is amazingly diverse. Wildlife along the South coast, and nearby rivers, includes magnificent tiger herons, fast flyers like the cinnamon hummingbird and the peregrine falcon, and larger swimmers like manatees and crocodiles. Come join Joy from the comfort of your armchair to learn all about this beautiful place! Please sign up in advance to receive the Zoom link and you may register



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here starting Jan. 2nd: <https://tinyurl.com/4v44d5t5>.

And finally on Tuesday, Jan. 30th, at 6:30 p.m., there will be a Zoom event called: "Virtual Tech Talk: A Guide to Starting Your Own Podcast" with digital nomad and online security expert, Ken Gagne. Podcasting is a fun way to engage with your audience, have your voice heard, and stand out from the crowd. What makes podcasting so popular, and how do you know what to podcast about? From recording hardware and editing software to finding and interviewing guests, we'll review how to get started with podcasting in this informative 90-minute presentation. Advance registration is required to receive the Zoom link, and you may sign up here starting Jan. 9th: <https://tinyurl.com/ycx3auuj>.

All of these programs are kindly sponsored by the Friends of the Milton Public Library and are free and open to all, and they will be held in the Keys Community Room, unless otherwise specified.

Questions? Email jhlady@milton.ocln.org or call the Reference Dept. at (617) 898-4964.

The Milton Public Library is located at 476 Canton Ave., and we encourage you to join us at the MPL in the New Year for some fun and educational programs!

Artist David Lee Black Exhibit Jan. 2-31

The Milton Public Library will host the work of artist David Lee Black in the Wotiz Gallery Jan. 2-31.

Black is an award-winning New England-based photographer and sculpture artist, and he describes himself as: "a storyteller on a never-ending pilgrimage to fill the gap between art and life, celebrating the differences between people, places and things." The title of this display is: "The Vanishing Light of Ireland: A Photographic Journey into the Rural History of County Clare, Ireland."

This exhibit will feature mostly photos although there will also be a few small sculptures shown. His sculptural work, using liberated found objects and custom designed fabrications, is simultaneously whimsical and serious, graceful and awkward, understated and conspicuously complex.

Black holds a B.S. in music education from the University of Missouri at Columbia, and was a Tullaloughaun Fellowship Recipient for County Clare, Ireland (2012, 2014, 2017).

His work has been displayed at many locations, including the Galatea Fine art Gallery in Boston, the Rhode Island State House where he is an Artist-in-Residence (2023), the Plymouth (MA) Center for the Arts (several awards, 2022, 2018,), and the Freedom Gallery in County Clare, Ireland



"KEYHOLE" by artist David Lee Black. Courtesy Photo

in a Juried Group Show (2019). His work has also been published in many journals including the Providence Journal (2020). For more information about the artist, go to: davidleeblack.com.

The Milton Public Library is located at 476 Canton Ave., Milton, and for questions, call the Reference Dept. at (617) 898-4964 or email jhlady@milton.ocln.org.



FRIENDS of Ruth Gordon Amphitheater were recently commended by the City Council for their effort to preserve and reinvigorate the outdoor venue during this past year.

Quincy Sun Photo/Scott Jackson

Friends Of Ruth Gordon Amphitheater Commended

By SCOTT JACKSON

City councillors recently commended the Friends of Ruth Gordon Amphitheater for their work preserving and revitalizing the outdoor venue over the past year.

The Friends of Ruth Gordon Amphitheater was formed earlier this year, after plans to demolish the venue inside Merrymount Park first came to light. The group was later able to work with city officials to organize Friends' Fridays – a series of events held at the amphitheater over the summer – after Mayor Thomas Koch announced the venue would not be demolished.

City councillors recognized the Friends of Ruth Gordon Amphitheater during their meeting on Dec. 18. Councillor Anne Mahoney presented the commendation to the Friends that evening, and also recognized Ward 5 Councillor Charles Phelan Jr. for his part in preserving the venue.

"As well all know, the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater was projected to potentially be filled in. I really want to thank Councillor Phelan for taking a leadership role on this because he stood in front of City Hall with many people before the Friends were developed to say that this is something that should not happen or at least it should not happen without public input," Mahoney said.

"In the end, the wise choice of the administra-

tion was to decide that this would not happen and if it wasn't for your leadership, Councillor Phelan, I believe it might have happened, so I thank you very much."

"Through the collaboration of the Friends of the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater and this administration working with the parks and recreation department and commissioner of natural resources," Mahoney continued, "they were able to not only reinvigorate the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater, but for weeks over the summer on Friday nights hundreds and hundreds of people came out to enjoy what was the vision of what the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater was supposed to be."

Mahoney next read from the commendation she presented to the group, honoring them for their "dedication to preserving and protecting the historical, architecturally unique Ruth Gordon Amphitheater."

"The Friends of the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater with the support of the administration has brought back to life this important city landmark," Mahoney said, reading from the commendation. "Your hard work and collaboration exemplifies how working together, great things can be achieved. We commend everyone involved for the hard work and the dedication of the support and cause."

"This is from all the city councillors," Mahoney added,

"so I want to thank you all for doing that. I want to thank the administration as well. I know the administration saw the light on what was happening, and the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater will have a life again with funding and with commitments from this city council."

Sara Trainor Callard accepted the commendation on behalf of the group.

"On behalf of the Friends of Ruth Gordon Amphitheater, we want to thank you all for this honor. It means so much to be recognized for the work that we're doing to revive this gem in our community," Callard said.

"We're guardians of something special, a beautiful, historic amphitheater set amongst the trees in gorgeous Merrymount Park, which is even more gorgeous now, overlooking the water. It was commissioned by the late Mayor Joe LaRaia and designed by my father, T. Owen Trainor, in honor of Quincy's own Ruth Gordon, an Academy Award-winning actress and writer with a unique exuberance and love of life that has been an inspiration for many of us."

Callard said the amphitheater has been part of the community since it was dedicated in 1984 though in recent years the outdoor space had begun to fall into disrepair and disuse. The shelved plan to demolish the amphitheater was a wakeup

call, she said.

"Ruth's amphitheater has been a part of Quincy's community for nearly 40 years hosting countless plays, concerts, performances, graduations, and the annual Summerfest that the LaRaia family had done for many years," Callard said. "However, as time took its toll on the historical structure, it began to fall into disrepair and disuse. Sometimes, as the saying [goes], we don't always realize what we have until we've lost it. Fortunately, we were given a wakeup call and a second chance."

"We're forever grateful for all the bright-minded, hardworking individuals – many of whom are here today; and I think we would have a great many more deal of them out today if it weren't for the storm – who rallied together to save the amphitheater. We're also grateful to Councillor Chuck Phelan for, as Councillor Mahoney said, speaking up on our behalf."

"What began as a quest to save the theater though soon grew into a movement as we realized together that it wasn't enough to save the physical space; we wanted to make the amphitheater into something magical once again, bringing new life to its stage and fostering the arts in our community."

"This past summer brought some 75 performers to the stage ranging from young dancers and aspiring

musicians at our open mic night and Quincy Rocks to seasoned, nationally touring bands like Roomful of Blues and Studio Two. A wide range of shows designed to meet the interests of all brought our community together, touching the hearts of Quincy's citizens through music, acting and song."

Callard said many people helped make Friends' Fridays possible.

"We could not have done this without our fantastic food vendors, including Blacks Creek BBQ, and our amazing partnership with Break Rock Brewing. We also want to thank The Quincy Sun and Bob Bosworth for shedding light on this important issue from the start and Quincy Access Television for taping and broadcasting every event," she said.

"Thank you to our community theater as well as our architecture team, led by Maria [Mulligan], for their dedication. Most of all, this recognition is for all you, the hundreds of people and even thousands of people actually, who visit our website, who follow us on Facebook, who have shared their time, their ideas, their letters of encouragement. We simply would not be here today without your efforts. This really has been a movement."

"Thank you, Mayor Koch also for hearing the people and changing course, which isn't always easy to do. Thank you Commission-

er Dave Murphy and your team for partnering with the Friends of RGA this past season on what really became, as Kevin Coughlin coined this term, the RGA Renaissance."

Following Callard's remarks, Phelan said he was glad to play the role in did in saving the amphitheater.

"I'm very glad that I had my small part to do with it," he said. "I actually knew your dad, Owen, back then and he must be looking down, smiling on you right now because of what happened. The only thing I did was help to save it, and that's nice. All these other councillors joined in and voted; it was unanimous."

"To the Friends of Ruth Gordon Amphitheater," Phelan added, "I thank you so much for saving a great part of the arts."

City Council President Noel DiBona said groups like the Friends of Ruth Gordon Amphitheater help bring the Quincy community together.

"We're a city, but we're all these little neighborhoods," he said. "You keep our community together, people like yourselves."

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Yuan Zhang
Primo Iacobucci
Shuwan Xue & Xiaoqing Yang
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Christopher T. Matacunas

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183 Holbrook Road
74 Village Drive Unit 7-1
23-25 North Central Avenue
56 Penn Street Unit 6
77 Adams Street Unit 901
74 Arnold Road
66 Brook Street
7 Dorchester Street

DEP Hearing Officer Rules In Quincy's Favor In Bridge Dispute

By SCOTT JACKSON

The hearing officer presiding over Quincy's appeal of the issuance of a state license to Boston for the new Long Island Bridge has issued a ruling in Quincy's favor, finding no license for the original Long Island Bridge exists.

The state Department of Environmental Protection in August issued a draft Chapter 91 license to Boston, which Boston officials hailed as a key step in the city's plan to build a new bridge to Long Island. Quincy has since appealed that decision, and the appeal is pending before the DEP's Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution.

On Dec. 19, the DEP

hearing officer presiding over the case issued a report and order that found, in Quincy's favor, there is no evidence in the record that the 1949 Chapter 91 license for the original Long Island Bridge was recorded and is in effect.

"Absent evidence of its having been recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, within one year of December 16, 1949, the date it was issued, the 1949 Chapter 91 License is void and this proceeding will proceed based on that assumption," Margaret Stolfa wrote in her ruling.

Stolfa also ruled in Quincy's favor on whether or not the proposed project is a "maintenance and repair"

project under state regulations. In her order, Stolfa said neither Boston nor the DEP addressed that issue in an earlier filing and have waived their opportunity to address it.

"Given that no evidence that the 1949 Chapter 91 License was duly recorded has been filed, additional time will be added to the appeal adjudication schedule to allow fair briefing on issues related to the 1949 Chapter 91 License, should [Boston] make a late showing that the 1949 Chapter 91 License was duly recorded," she added.

Stolfa likewise found that Boston and the DEP had waived their chance to address Quincy's contention that, even if the 1949 license were valid, the department

must require Boston to apply for a new Chapter 91 license.

"Perhaps the lack of argument from [Boston] and the Department on this issue stems from the lack of evidence that the 1949 Chapter 91 License is in effect," she said.

In addition, Stolfa found that the status of the existing concrete piers - which supported the old bridge and Boston plans to reuse as supports for the new bridge - remains unresolved and will be resolved during a subsequent hearing. Stolfa said that the DEP did not address the issue in an earlier filing and has waived its chance to do so.

"Having waived its opportunity to address the issue," she wrote, it "will

remain as one of the issues for adjudication in the appeal." Stolfa added that she "reject[s] MassDEP's objections" to the issue "because they lack merit."

Quincy City Solicitor James Timmins said Stolfa's ruling expands the scope of what will be considered during the review process.

"There's been a substantial change in the dynamics of this case," Timmins said. "Before review had been

limited to impacts on resource areas."

Moving forward, Timmins said "all impacts Quincy has asked Boston to look at over the last two years" can now be considered, as well as the conditions of the piers.

"[Stolfa] has validated all of the claims we have made over the last two years, which had been rejected by the DEP's regional office," he said.

Quincy Sun Early Deadline For Jan. 4 Edition

Because of the New Year's Day holiday, there is an early news and advertising deadline for the Jan. 4th issue of The Quincy Sun.

News and advertising for the Jan. 4th edition should

be submitted by Thursday, Dec. 28th at noon.

The Quincy Sun office is located at 1372 Hancock St., Quincy Center. The office will be closed Monday, Jan. 1 and Tuesday, Jan. 2nd.

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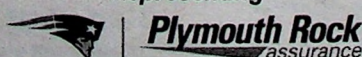
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Councillors Approve Ross Lot LDA

By SCOTT JACKSON

City councillors unanimously signed off on a land disposition agreement that will help set the stage for a mixed-use development on the former Ross Lot in Quincy Center featuring up to 325 residential units and 20,000 square feet of retail space, including a specialty grocer.

The developer behind the project hopes to break ground before next summer.

Approved by councillors on Dec. 18, the land disposition agreement (LDA) between the city and Hingham-based Atlantic Development allows the city to sell a 66,244-square-foot parcel of land, including a portion of the former Ross Lot as well as a section of Parkingway that is to be discontinued, to the developer for \$7.3 million. The agreement also gives the developer easements for ground-level parking on 55,838 square feet of city-owned land, including the parcel at 119 Parkingway, currently home to IHOP and Health Express.

At a Dec. 13 committee hearing on the LDA, James

Fatseas, the city's planning director, called the agreement the second step in a three-step process to clear the way for the redevelopment of the site. The first step was land assemblage, he said, including the eminent domain taking of 119 Parkingway for \$9.45 million in November. The third step will be the City Council review of a financial package to pay for construction of a new 800-car municipal garage that will be located at 119 Parkingway; Fatseas said that package will be submitted to the council in early 2024.

The mixed-use development is also subject to review by the Planning Board.

DJ MacKinnon, the president of Atlantic Development, told the committee the site his firm plans to redevelop is a great location.

"We find this proposal, this site, from our standpoint to be a great location in the city," he said on Dec. 13. "We are at the point where we can advance our proposal, which we feel meets many of the city's needs. We're proposing a mixed-use development with spe-

cialty grocery at ground level along with other retail, a housing component and a city parking garage.

"In addition to that, now is the opportunity for the city for us to pay significant real estate taxes and provide that revenue to the city."

The 20,000 square feet of retail space along General McConville Way and Hannon Parkway would include a 14,435-square-foot specialty grocery store, a 3,000-square-foot bank and a 2,500-square-foot restaurant. Six stories of residential units would be located above the ground-level retail spaces.

MacKinnon told city councillors he hopes to begin construction on site before the summer of 2024. The grocery store would be able to open 12 to 18 months later, he said, followed by the residential components of the project.

The municipal parking garage would be located behind the development on what is now 119 Parkingway. According to the land disposition agreement, the developer will be responsible for designing and

constructing the garage. The city will pay the costs associated with the design and construction of the garage, following a guaranteed maximum price contract. A similar process was used to construct the municipally owned Kilroy Square Garage on the former Hancock Lot; the developer of the adjacent Chestnut Place was responsible for building that parking structure.

The city and developer would enter into a lease agreement for the garage that would allow the developer to use spaces within the structure. Based on his company's experience with The Abby – the mixed-use development at the North Quincy MBTA station – MacKinnon said the residential development on the Ross Lot would likely need 300 spaces for the 325 residential units.

Chris Walker, the chief of staff to Mayor Thomas Koch, on Dec. 13 said city officials are still working through the financial package that will be submitted to councillors next year to pay for the garage's construction. The 715-car Kilroy

Square Garage cost \$46 million to build, he noted.

Parking for the grocery store and other retail uses would be provided in a surface-level lot at 119 Parkingway. The surface lot would have capacity for roughly 130 vehicles.

During the Dec. 18 meeting, Councillor Anne Mahoney asked if, once the LDA were approved, officials could confirm the specialty grocer included in the development would be a Trader Joe's as has been rumored since the project was first announced in October. Fatseas said certain confidentiality agreements remain in place.

"I wouldn't choose to speculate, but an awful lot of time, effort and planning and money has been poured into this process with an expectation," Fatseas added.

Mahoney said she was happy to support the new project on the Ross Lot and was hopeful that Trader Joe's would be part of the development.

"I would like to set the record straight, because there is some speculation that I

voted no for a Trader Joe's to come to Quincy and I've never voted no for Trader Joe's to come to Quincy," Mahoney said.

"Because tonight is my last meeting, I would like to set that record straight, that I never voted for Trader Joe's not to come here. I am very happy to support this development and hope that Trader Joe's does come."

Council President Noel DiBona said the city put the infrastructure in place to make the new development possible.

"The infrastructure's in place for this," he said. "The Generals Bridge is built. I know a lot of folks out there said it's a bridge to nowhere. It's not a bridge to nowhere."

"We're in the next phase," DiBona added, "and I'm looking forward to moving in the right direction, moving our city forward for our taxes and our tax base. I think it's a perfect location. I think the location on the corner there is going to catch the eye of all those folks going through that particular area."

Friends Of The Ruth Gordon Amphitheater: 'We Are Guardians Of Something Special'

Here are the full remarks made by Sara Trainor Callard in accepting a commendation from the City Council on behalf of the Friends of the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater at the Dec. 18th council meeting:

Thank you, Councillor At-Large Mahoney, for all your support of the Friends of RGA – and for all the years of dedicated service to the people of Quincy. On behalf of the Friends of RGA, we want to thank all of our city councillors for this honor – and a special thank you, also, to Councillor Chuck Phelan for his support of the RGA. It means so much to be recognized for the work we are doing to restore and revive this gem in our community.

We are the guardians of something special... a beautiful historic amphitheater, set amongst the trees in gorgeous Merrymount Park – even more gorgeous now, with all the improvements the City has done –

overlooking the water. It was commissioned by the late Mayor Joseph J. LaRaia and designed by my father, T. Owen Trainor, in honor of Quincy's own Ruth Gordon – an Academy Award-winning actress and writer with a unique exuberance and love of life that has been a source of inspiration to many on our team. Ruth's Amphitheater has been a part of Quincy's community for nearly 40 years, hosting countless plays, concerts, camp performances, graduations, and the annual Summerfest – a wonderful summer program run by the LaRaia family for decades. As time took its toll on this historic structure, however, it began to fall into disrepair and disuse.

Sometimes, as they say, we don't always realize what we have, until we lose it. Fortunately, we got a wake-up call – and we got a second chance! We're forever grateful to all of the bright-minded and hard-

working individuals – many here with us tonight – who rallied together to save the Amphitheater. What began as a quest to save this theater soon grew into an Arts movement – as we realized together that it wasn't enough to save the physical space. We wanted to make the amphitheater into something magical once again, by bringing new life to its stage and fostering the arts in our community.

This past summer brought some 75 performers to the stage, ranging from young dancers and aspiring musicians (at Open Mic night and Quincy Rocks) to seasoned nationally-touring bands like Roomful of Blues and Studio Two. A wide range of shows, designed to meet the interests of all, brought our community together, touching the hearts of Quincy citizens through music, acting, and song.

We could not have done this without the amazing partnership with Jay South-

wood and Break Rock Brewing and our fantastic food vendors, including Black's Creek BBQ. We also want to thank The Quincy Sun for shedding light on this important issue from the start, and Quincy Access Television (QATV) for taping and broadcasting every single event to share with those at home. Thank you to our newly formed community theater (Thalia Players) as well as our Architecture Team for their amazing dedication.

But most of all, this recognition is for all of you – the hundreds of people who share their time, ideas and letters of encouragement. We now have thousands of

people visiting our website, and about 1,000 or more who regularly follow us on social media and our google group. We would simply not be here today without your efforts!

Thank you, Mayor Koch, for hearing the people and changing course – that is not so easy to do and we're grateful to you for that. Thank you Commissioner Dave Murphy and your team for partnering with the Friends of RGA this past season in what really became an incredible success and – to use a term coined by one of our great supporters, Kevin Coughlin – a Ruth Gordon Amphitheater Renaissance!

Now, what better way to honor the Friends of RGA than by bringing you a song (with your permission, thank you!) Marcus Johnson – grandson of Friends of RGA supporter, Anneli Johnson – whom some of you may recognize from his performance this summer as Cat Stevens, is here to sing for you tonight a song that is very fitting: Imagine by John Lennon. As we imagine what the next season might bring for our amphitheater... If we can imagine it or dream it, we can achieve it!

By Sara Trainor Callard, MBA
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Social Security Matters Are Spousal Benefits Always A Factor?

By RUSSELL GLOOR

National Social Security Advisor
at the AMAC Foundation, The Non-Profit Arm
of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: Both my wife and I have worked our entire lives. When we retire, will we both be entitled to full benefit amount each, or will there always be a spousal factor in there? Also, how are those benefits calculated - based on your highest salaries throughout your career, or your ending salaries when you retire? **Signed: Looking Ahead**

Dear Looking: Prior to retiring from work is a smart time to investigate how Social Security will fit into your golden years. To answer your second question first, each person's personal SS retirement benefit is based on the highest earning 35 years over their entire lifetime, with earlier years adjusted for inflation. The person's Average Indexed Monthly Earnings (AIME) - essentially the person's lifetime average inflation-adjusted monthly earnings amount - is first determined. Using AIME, the person's Primary Insurance Amount (PIA) is calculated using a special benefit formula which will yield a PIA of about 40% or less of the person's AIME. The PIA is the amount received if benefits start in the month full retirement age or "FRA" is attained (as you can see, Social Security likes acronyms).

Since you and your wife were both born after 1959, FRA for both of you is 67. The age when you claim benefits, relative to your FRA, determines how much you'll get. Claim before FRA and your benefit is reduced; claim after your FRA and your SS retirement benefit will be more (up to age 70 when maximum is reached); claim at your FRA and your benefit will equal your PIA - the full (100%) amount you've earned from a lifetime of working.

Spouse benefits only come into play if the PIA for one of you is less than 50% of the other's PIA. In that case, the spouse with the lower PIA gets a "spousal boost" to their own SS retirement benefit when claimed. The amount of the "spousal boost" will be the difference between the lower PIA and half of the higher PIA, but the amount of the "spousal boost" (as well as the person's own SS retirement amount) will be reduced if benefits are claimed before full retirement age. Any time SS benefits are claimed before full retirement age, those benefits are permanently reduced.

If one spouse is entitled to a "spousal boost" from the other, the spousal amount will reach maximum at the recipient's full retirement age. Thus, if the lower earning partner's highest benefit will be as a spouse, then that spouse should not wait beyond their FRA to claim. If, instead, the lower earning partner's own SS benefit at age 70 is more than their spousal amount, waiting longer than FRA to claim could be prudent, depending on life expectancy.

So, as you can see, deciding when to claim Social Security benefits should consider many things, including financial need, work status if claiming before FRA, marital status, and life expectancy. But it is your lifetime earnings which determines your SS retirement benefit amount, and it is how your FRA entitlements compare to each other that determines whether spousal benefits will be paid.

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FINAL CITY COUNCIL meeting of the current term was held Dec. 18. At the conclusion of the meeting, outgoing Councillors Anne Mahoney, Anthony Andronico and Charles Phelan Jr. were recognized for their service. From left: Councillors David McCarthy; Mahoney; Ian Cain; Nina Liang; Noel DiBona; James Devine; Phelan; William Harris; and Andronico.

Quincy Sun Photo/Scott Jackson

Outgoing City Councillors Recognized

By SCOTT JACKSON

The City Council's three outgoing members were recognized by their colleagues for their service during the final meeting of the current council session.

Councillor at-large Anne Mahoney, Ward 2 Councillor Anthony Andronico and Ward 5 Councillor Charles Phelan Jr. were all honored during the council's meeting on Dec. 18.

Councillor Nina Liang said Mahoney made all eight of her colleagues better city councillors by encouraging them to ask more questions.

"I think I was a better councillor for it - I think we all were," Liang said. "I think it's a huge loss to not have you up here anymore to balance that conversation in front of us."

Ward 1 Councillor David McCarthy, who previously served with Mahoney on the School Committee, said she always came to work, whether it was during her time on the school board or her time on the council.

"Anne always came to work...and you need people that are going to show up and get involved," he said. "A lot of people don't realize when they run for office they leave themselves hanging out there. You make decisions and you make comments and get involved in different things and people are quick to judge. Anne was a very hard worker and I wish her all the best."

Ward 3 Councillor Ian Cain said he would miss Mahoney because of her energy and fortitude.

"You're one of the strongest people I know, you give it your all, and you're not afraid, and I appreciate and

admire that," Cain said.

Mahoney said she had a "deep appreciation for the privilege of being able to serve" as a city councillor and thanked the administration, the staff and the people of Quincy. She encouraged residents who may be thinking about running for office in the future to do so.

"Although I'm not coming back to the City Council because I decided to run for mayor, and I did not win, that is okay, because what we do is we raise the bar by running for office," Mahoney said. "I encourage people at home to take that fortitude to jump in. If you think you can offer something, please come join in that conversation because it's what makes our community stronger and better."

Mahoney pointed to the Friends of Ruth Gordon Amphitheater - who had been commended earlier that evening - as well as Quarry Hills Citizens Advocates as examples of what can be accomplished when residents come together for a cause.

Mahoney, age 58, said she is unsure of what the future holds for her, but promised that her passion for the community and for the people who live here would not be going away.

"The reason why I first came into public office is because I had passion for the people that live here in the city and I believe that it can be stronger and better," she said, adding she was proud of what she had accomplished over the last 18 years.

"I thank you from the bottom of my heart for being able to serve the city of

Quincy."

Ward 4 Councillor James Devine said he had learned a lot from Andronico over the last 11 months serving together.

"I'm much older than you - I'm closer to your father's age - but you taught me many things in a short time, so I greatly appreciate that," Devine said. "I can only imagine where you're going because you're a young guy and you're going to keep moving, so best of luck."

Councillor Noel DiBona said Andronico was a great colleague to work with.

"You were true to your word, very intelligent, very smart, very articulate. You still have your future in front of you, you really do. You have some experience now on the School Committee and council," DiBona said. "You were up here for three years and did a great job."

Liang said she wished she and Andronico had been able to work together longer.

"I think that you have this sort of calming attitude about, but you have this light about you as well and I think that is something that will be a loss to your ward, to our city and to us up here," Liang said. "I wish we had more time to work together."

Andronico, age 30, noted he had also left his former job as an aide on Beacon Hill earlier this year and would be making a clean transition from local and state government.

"I'm looking forward to what comes next," he said. "At 23 years old I decided to jump in - as Councillor Mahoney noted, jump in; don't wait. I had done that and luckily got a seat on the School Committee and the journey over the last six years has been absolutely incredible."

"The folks that are up here, the folks that I served with on School Committee, whether that's in an elected capacity or a QPS employee or a city of Quincy employ-

ee, there are so many people that make this city function and sacrifice a lot of their time and there are a lot of opportunities that these folks could go and pursue, but they chose public service because they care about Quincy, they care about the people in it, they care about making a difference, they care about making our little slice of the world a better place than it was the day before."

"I'm looking forward to being a private citizen for the first time in my adult life," Andronico added. "I know my wife and my dog are also looking forward to that. I will absolutely find something to do, I think, on Monday nights moving forward next year, but it has been an honor and a privilege and I wish you all up here the best of luck."

Cain said that Phelan, whose first tenure as city councillor began in 1988 and later worked as the city's IT director, brought institutional knowledge with him.

"You know things about this city, how it works, how it has worked, how it operates, how it functions, the true blood that flows through its system and makes it work for the people of this city through different administrations," Cain said. "You're a delight to work with in any capacity."

McCarthy said he turned to Phelan for assistance when he joined the City Council.

"His knowledge was invaluable," McCarthy said. "He's always respectful. He's got his integrity. He can deal with everybody."

DiBona called Phelan a "book of knowledge."

"I'm really going to miss Chuck," DiBona said. "Chuck's been a great colleague. He's been fair. He's a person of reason."

Phelan, age 66, said his first experience with the City Council was in 1978, when then Ward 5 Councillor Stephen McGrath ap-

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pointed him to a committee on Wollaston Center.

"It's been continuous since then," Phelan said. "A lot of time volunteer positions, which I will continue to do – there are things I am committed to and I will continue to do that."

"It's been a long time, but it's been a pleasurable time. I've enjoyed being active. Councillor Mahoney said the passion and stuff like that. I always had a great passion for the city."

Phelan said his family has been working for Quincy for more than 100 years. His great-grandfather was a sergeant in the police department, his grandfather was a firefighter, and his father was a police officer.

"They all looked at me as black sheep because I became a politician," Phelan said.

Phelan thanked the coun-

cil staff and the city's department heads for the work they do on a daily basis.

"I've had great fortune to work with some excellent people. I feel very good about the future of the city," Phelan said.

"One thing you find a little more in government that you don't find in private, because I've been in both, is the passion and dedication that people have for their job. They're here. They might not be making something as much money – the benefits are great though – but their dedication in everything they've done, so I want to thank all them."

In addition to the recognition from their colleagues, Mahoney, Andronico and Phelan received citations from members of the city's delegation on Beacon Hill.

"On behalf of Speaker Mariano, Sen. John Keenan and Rep. Bruce Ayers,

we just want to extend our congratulations on your successful session, but also on some of your members who are departing – Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Phelan and Councillor Andronico," said Rep. Tackey Chan at the beginning of the Dec. 18 meeting.

"We appreciate your good work on your time on the council. We want to wish you all happy holidays and great success on your next endeavors."

The Dec. 18 meeting was also DiBona's final meeting as president of the City Council. His colleagues first elected him to that post in January 2022.

Liang credited DiBona for helping the council transition back to in-person meetings early on in his tenure as president.

"I want to say thank you to you, Mr. President. You've been great. You

brought us back in person after we'd been completely virtual the two years before and I think you did it with a really smooth transition," Liang said.

"You bring a lot of humor, I think, to the work we do up here. Sometimes things get a little bit spicy and I think with your demeanor and the way you handle yourself, you get right to the work, you get right to the comments that we're making, and you bring some lightness to it all."

DiBona thanked the council staff – Auditor Susan O'Connor, City Clerk Nicole Crispo, Clerk of Committees Jennifer Manning and administrative assistants Ann Alexander and Theresa Mulcahy – for all their assistance.

"I thank all five of you for what you do up there," DiBona said. "I want to thank the five of you for

everything you do for us as well as what you do for the city."

The swearing-in ceremony for the new city council will be held on Monday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m. in the Great Hall of the McIntyre Government Center (old City Hall). All nine councillors will be sworn in that morn-

ing, including new Councillor at-large Scott Campbell, new Ward 2 Councillor Richard Ash, and new Ward 5 Councillor Daniel Minton.

Mayor Thomas Koch will be inaugurated that morning as well. First elected in 2007, Koch will be sworn in for his seventh term overall, and his third four-year term.

Councillors Back Long Island Bill

By SCOTT JACKSON

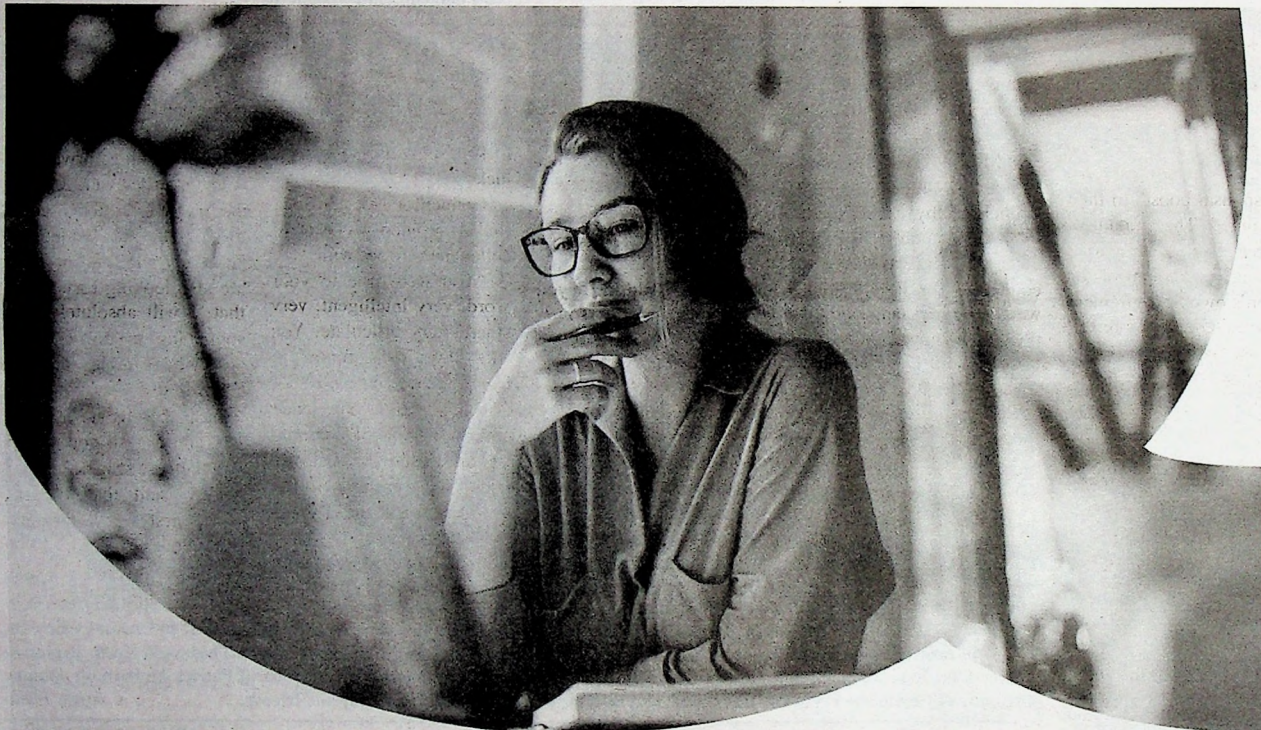
City councillors have lent their support to a bill introduced by Rep. Bruce Ayers that calls for a study to determine the feasibility of starting ferry service to Long Island.

A resolution in support of Ayers' legislation, House Bill 3260, was introduced by Councillors William Harris, James Devine,

Noel DiBona, Nina Liang and Anne Mahoney at the council's meeting on Dec. 18. The resolution was approved by a unanimous vote that evening.

The bill filed by Ayers, a Quincy Democrat, would establish a special commission to "identify and project the potential cost for establishing, operating and

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Local Owner Operator Celebrates 40 Years With McDonald's

Local businessman Geoffrey Brewster, who owns and operates the Quincy McDonald's on Hancock Street in North Quincy, is celebrating a major career milestone. He's been working for McDonald's for 40 years.

Brewster started as a crew person at 16 years old at a Boston McDonald's located on Tremont Street, just a short walk from his high school. He quickly fell in love with the brand, the food and the people – both in front of and behind the counter.

While studying business at Newbury College, Brewster learned more about McDonald's and the seemingly endless opportunities for career growth and success. He was sitting in one of his classes when he decided to dedicate himself to learning the business and moving forward in his career with McDonald's. After 20 years of working hard, he achieved his goal and purchased his first McDonald's restaurant in Norwell in 2001.

Today, Brewster owns and operates eight McDon-

ald's locations throughout the Boston area. He continues to promote a people-first culture in his restaurants, supporting and celebrating his team, customers and the local community.

"McDonald's has provided me with the opportunity to become a proud local businessowner in Quincy and beyond," McDonald's Owner Operator Geoffrey Brewster said. "I am honored to work with such an amazing team who cares so much about the communities we serve."

McDonald's recently announced that 1 in 8 Americans have worked at their restaurants. Brewster, who is proud to be 1 in 8, started as a crew member and continued his career with the company, passionately working to achieve his dreams of owning and operating restaurants throughout Massachusetts.

Over the past 40 years,

Brewster has won numerous awards, including the Outstanding Manager Award, Service Award, Black Achievers Award, Barbadian Culture Community of Boston Award, and community business awards highlighting the work he does in Everett, Hanover, Malden, Norwell, Quincy, Revere, Weymouth and Woburn.

Brewster has big plans for his next career milestone. His son plans to follow in his footsteps and also become an owner operator, so, together, they can grow the business and strengthen the towns and cities where they live and work.

If interested in starting a career at McDonald's, Brewster's locations and most restaurants throughout the state are hiring. Employees receive access to a host of benefits – from full-time or part-time flexible schedules, career advancement opportunities, paid time off,



LOCAL BUSINESSMAN Geoffrey Brewster, who owns and operates the Quincy McDonald's on Hancock Street in North Quincy, is celebrating a major career milestone. He's been working for McDonald's for 40 years. *Courtesy Photo*

community involvement opportunities and access to Archways to Opportunity – a program that offers crew and managers the chance to

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administering a new ferry route to Long Island and make recommendations for the implementation thereof." The commission would include four members of the state legislature, two state officials or their designees, and five gubernatorial appointees. One of the gubernatorial appointees would be nominated by the mayor of Boston and another by the mayor of Quincy.

Officials from Quincy and Boston have been at loggerheads over Boston's proposal to build the new Long Island Bridge since 2018, when then Boston Mayor Marty Walsh announced plans to rebuild the span and open a recovery campus on the island. Quincy officials have maintained that ferry service, not a bridge, should provide access to the island.

Harris, the Ward 6 councillor, said Boston continues to disregard Quincy's concerns.

"As my colleagues know, the issue of the Long Island Bridge continues to make headlines as Boston continues to disregard the concerns of Quincy," he said.

The new bridge is likely to cost more than \$200 million, Harris said, adding that "Boston needs to do its homework and study every option for access to the island."

"They owe this to the taxpayers," he said. "This ferry service is a much more cost effective alternative to rebuilding the bridge."

Quincy officials are united in their opposition to the bridge, Harris added.

"This is an issue that will continue to be of importance to Quincy residents where the entrance to the bridge is only accessible through Squantum and North Quincy. Moving forward, Quincy officials will continue to be united," he said.

"I am working closely with Mayor Koch, Rep.

Ayers and others to defend our interests. Passing the resolution to support Rep. Ayers' legislation is a strong step in showing that unity."

Chris Walker, Koch's chief of staff, said Boston has yet to show why ferry service to the island would not work.

"The city of Boston has never shown why it's not feasible to do water transportation," Walker said. "At every level of adjudication, we've always said 'show us why a ferry is not feasible' and all we get is brushed off, saying 'ambulances, traffic, we can't do it.'"

"None of that is good enough, because we all know there are islands out there, there are islands that can provide emergency services to people who live on those islands. The city of Boston does not want to look at, in a serious way, the feasibility of water transportation."

Walker said Quincy continues to fight against the bridge and a number of appeals are pending. Quincy is appealing the state's issuance of a Chapter 91 license to Boston for the project and will also raise concerns about the bridge to the Coast Guard, arguing Boston's proposed bridge does not meet today's environmental, construction and navigational standards for such a structure.

"This issue is far from being resolved," Walker said. "Every time there is a ruling here or a ruling there, the city of Boston saying, 'all right, shovels are coming in tomorrow,' that's not the case. That's part of their public relations effort to show progress."

"There is still a long way to go before the city of Boston is able to put a shovel in the ground and build that bridge and we continue to urge, as strongly as possible, 'why don't we look at water transportation.'"



BAKER BRAVERMAN BARBADORO, P.C., a full-service Quincy-based law firm, recently moved to 1200 Crown Colony Dr. The firm hosted a ribbon cutting open house Dec. 7. The event was attended by Quincy Mayor Thomas P. Koch, Braintree Mayor-Elect Erin Joyce, Norfolk County Dist. Atty. Michael W. Morrissey, Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott, Quincy Chamber of Commerce President Tim Cahill, and BBB attorneys, staff, clients, family and friends. *Courtesy Photo*

Rep. Lynch, Sen. Booker Introduce Bill To Help Students Earn Their GED

U.S. Rep. Stephen F. Lynch (MA-08) recently introduced H.R. 6786, the Reengage the Workforce Act, which would provide federal grants to organizations that work with students who did not complete high school to help them earn their GED and offer additional workforce training and career support programs.

The grants would be created within the Department of Labor, in consultation with the Department of Education, to help facilitate the advancement of education through in-person or virtual programs alongside any necessary support services. This bicameral legislation is led by Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ).

"It is important we are

proactive in reengaging students who have not been able to complete high school and help them obtain the qualifications that will make it easier to join the workforce and support themselves in future," said Rep. Lynch. "While the number of students who did not complete high school has fallen in the past decade, the percent of those students that are not in the labor force has increased. This bill will help enable organizations, like the Boston Public Schools Re-engagement Center, better assist those students by allowing them to reenter secondary school with support services, such as transportation or childcare, or enroll in flexible courses to earn their GED."

"For the tens of mil-

lions of Americans across the country without a high school diploma, the American dream is becoming increasingly out of reach," said Sen. Booker. "Everyone deserves the chance to succeed, which is why I am introducing legislation to help people reconnect with educational opportunities and meaningful career paths. By providing more opportunities for those who are not in school or in the workforce to get back in, we can ensure more people have the tools to build brighter, more promising tomorrows for themselves, their families, and their communities."

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, individuals who did not finish high school make up the highest percentage of unem-

ployed people in the country and earn \$162 less weekly than those who earned their diploma. Establishing this grant program will help organizations dedicated to reengaging students and allow them to offer more critical programs such as life planning workshops, career training, resume reviews and interview assistance.

The Reengage the Workforce Act is endorsed by Jobs for the Future, the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, National Skills Coalition, The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, National Youth Employment Coalition, Opportunity Youth Network, Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), New Deal for Youth (ND4Y),

HUD Regional Administrator Visits Quincy

The highest-ranking federal official from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's New England region was recently in Quincy to tour two projects that are considered to be national models.

Juana Matias, who was appointed by President Biden in March 2022 as HUD's New England Regional Administrator, visited Manet Community Health's new radiology suite on West Squantum St., as well as Fr. Bill's & MainSpring's new Yawkey Housing Resource Center on Broad St. Both projects have received significant funding from HUD grants which are administered locally by the city's Department of Planning & Community Development.

"Traveling across New England, it is always exciting to see the impact, innovation and results that strong partnerships like we have here in Quincy produce for members of the community who need it most," said Regional Administrator Ma-

tias. "The way Manet and Father Bill's & MainSpring have leveraged HUD funding with state, local, private and nonprofit resources to provide housing and health services is a model for communities across the country."

With respect to the Manet project, the city provided an allocation of over \$500,000 in community development stimulus funds towards the construction of the radiology suite, which offers both mammography and plain film x-ray imaging.

"Manet is profoundly appreciative of our long-standing partnership with the City of Quincy and its Department of Planning and Community Development, and especially for their assistance with the construction of our radiology and mammography suite," said Cynthia Sierra, CEO of Manet Community Health. "Our team was truly honored to have the opportunity to show Administrator Matias and her team firsthand



MATIAS MANET VISIT (from left to right) Sherry Zou; Joyce Jiang; Kate Tenney; Paul Gould; Rhonda Siciliano (HUD); Jim Fatseas, Quincy Planning Director; Cynthia Sierra, Manet CEO; Juana Matias, HUD Administrator; Sean Glennon; Christine Bowes; Karman Lee, Senior Director of Operations, Manet; Dr. Lily Yung, Chief Medical Officer, Manet; Marsha Meade; Jane Berry.

Photo Courtesy Sandra McGunigle

the tremendous impact that HUD and the CDBG program have had, and how they can be used to provide much needed access to important services for our patients and the community."

Regarding the housing resource center, Quincy provided assistance in the form of a land lease, as well as allocations from the city's

Affordable Housing Trust Fund and Emergency Solutions Grant program. The project will also utilize HUD housing vouchers.

"Father Bill's & MainSpring is grateful our new model has had such strong support at the federal, state, and local levels, starting with the critical investments made by the City of Quincy

and its Department of Planning & Community Development," said John Yazwinski, President & CEO. "It was a pleasure hosting Administrator Matias and her team for a meaningful and solutions-oriented discussion about our mission to end homelessness."

"It is certainly an honor

for Quincy to be considered a national model when it comes to projects such as these," said Mayor Thomas Koch. "I appreciate Administrator Matias for coming to Quincy and for recognizing the work that we do with our incredible partners to provide quality health care and other essential services for those who need it most."

WHAT'S COOKING

with

Marie & Suzie

By MARIE D'OLIMPIO and SUZIE FALCO



Ann Marie's Eggplant Pizza

By MARIE

Today's recipe is a unique way to enjoy the flavors of pizza without having to buy or make dough.

My daughter, Ann Marie, has been making this eggplant pizza recently and her family loves pizza this new, healthy dish. This recipe serves 4.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare a cookie sheet with parchment paper.

Ingredients and Directions:

- 1 small container of Ricotta cheese – (This will be enough ricotta for 4 people)
- 1 cup marinara sauce
- 1 package of mozzarella cheese
- 1 medium-size eggplant
- Italian seasoning or oregano
- Olive oil – use enough to cover the eggplant

Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Cut the eggplant in round, half inch slices.

After eggplant is cut, place it on the prepared cookie sheet with parchment paper.

Sprinkle with salt and pepper and drizzle olive oil on the top.

Bake at 350 degrees until the eggplant is tender.

Remove from oven place and then top each slice with a tablespoon of ricotta cheese and spread the ricotta covering the top of each eggplant piece individually.

Once cheese is placed, add a tablespoon of marinara sauce and then sprinkle with mozzarella cheese and the seasoning that you chose.

Add back to oven continue to bake until bubbly.

Breakfast Sausage

By SUZIE

Here is another recipe from Elana's Pantry for a quick, healthy and completely delicious breakfast sausage. It will take you just about 5 minutes to prepare and 10 minutes at the most to cook.

If you make the patties the night before, all you have to do is cook them up in the morning. The kids love these with eggs, toast, and fruit. Sometimes I just make these with an English muffin and they are good to go.

Loaded with healthy protein and seasonings, these are sure to be a winner. Who knew cooking healthy good be so easy and delicious!?

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pounds organic ground turkey
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh sage

- 1 tablespoon minced fresh rosemary
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sea salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

Directions:

In a large bowl, combine the ground meat, sage, rosemary, oil, honey, salt, and pepper, using your hands to mix the ingredients thoroughly.

Using a 1/3-cup measuring cup, form the mixture into 8 patties, each about 2 1/4 inches in diameter.

Heat some olive oil in a large skillet over medium-low heat. Cook the patties, turning them once and gently pressing them down to flatten, for 5 to 8 minutes per side, until golden brown and crispy. Transfer the patties to a paper towel-lined plate and serve.



MATIAS FBMS VISIT (from left to right) Joyce Jiang; Christine Bowes; Kate Tenney; Rhonda Siciliano (HUD); Jane Berry; Juana Matias, HUD Administrator; John Yazwinski, President & CEO of Fr. Bill's & MainSpring; Sean Glennon, Community Development Director.

Photo Courtesy Patrick Ronan

Patrick Faherty Appointed To ICC Board Of Directors

Patrick Faherty, a real estate attorney from Quincy, has been appointed to the Irish Culture Centre of Greater Boston's Board of Directors.

"As we continue to take the ICC to new heights, bringing Irish leaders from across the Greater Boston region to our Board of Directors only helps us grow stronger," said ICC Executive Director Jerry McDermott. "We look forward to welcoming Patrick to our board, and we are confident he will be a great addition to our leadership team."

"We're thrilled to have Patrick join the Board of Directors at the ICC," said President of the ICC Board of Directors, Martina Curtin. "Patrick's connection to

his Irish heritage, passionate involvement at the ICC and established career as a leading attorney all illustrate that he is an excellent addition to our Board as we propel our mission forward."

"As a new board member, I know that I have a lot to learn, and I am ready to hit the ground running," said Faherty. "The ICC is doing wonderful things, and I hope to help continue the programming and traditions that are already enjoyed by so many. I would love to bring the ICC to the next generation of Irish Americans, and I look forward to considering ways to connect with the younger Irish generation and encourage their participation."

Faherty leads the Law

Office of Patrick K. Faherty, P.C., where he specializes in real estate conveyancing. Faherty has an extensive background in this field, having worked on transactions spanning starter homes to million-dollar sales. Faherty received his bachelor's degree in political science from Boston College and his Juris Doctor from Suffolk University Law School. He is a member of the Bar in Massachusetts and is admitted to practice in the United States District Court.

Faherty is also involved in the Quincy Police Superior Officers Association, the Quincy Police Mutual Aid Association, and is the current chairperson of the Marist College Parents Council.

North Quincy Boys' Hockey Bows To Scituate

By TOM JOYCE

It was a competitive game, but the North Quincy High boys' hockey team fell to a tough opponent.

The Raiders hosted the Scituate Sailors in their home opener at the Quincy Youth Arena Dec. 20. Although the Raiders were competitive, they came up short, losing the game 4-1. With the loss, the Raiders fell to 1-2-0 on the season.

Scituate struck first in this one, catching the Raiders off-guard with 6:34 remaining in the first period. Shortly after a faceoff in Raiders' territory, a Scituate forward passed the puck to his teammate on the right side of the net. With the Raiders focused on the player near the net, the player passed the puck back to his teammate on the left side of the ice. Scituate then capitalized on the opening on the left side of the net and buried a goal. It was the only goal in the first period.

After that, there was a stretch that exceeded 17 minutes where neither team scored. However, the second period was a higher-scoring affair, with three goals scored.

Scituate doubled its lead with 4:22 remaining in the second period. As Scituate forwards and Raiders defenders fought for the puck at the back right corner of the ice in Raiders' territory, Scituate came up with it. A Scituate player found an opening on the right side of the net and pushed the puck in for a goal.

It wouldn't take Scituate long to make it a 3-0 contest. With 3:01 remaining, the team buried another goal. However, the Raiders also lit the lamp in the second period.

Shea Winters responded with a goal for the Raiders with under a minute left in the period. He capitalized on a five-on-three advantage for the Raiders, after two penalties against Scituate, including a tripping penalty that set up the two-man advantage. He flipped the puck up into the upper right corner of Scituate's net, making it a 3-1 game.

Ultimately, the Raiders couldn't make a comeback in this one. There was only one goal scored in the third period, and it was an insurance goal from Scituate with 10:02 remaining.

Scituate will likely be a strong team this season, as it was last year. In the 2022-2023 season, the team made it to the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association Division 3 state championship game for boys' hockey but fell, 2-1, in overtime to Nashoba Valley at TD Garden in Boston.

The game against Scituate last week was the first of two matchups between these two teams this season. The Raiders also have a road game against Scituate on Saturday, Jan. 27. The game will be played at Hobomock Ice Arena in Pembroke (5:10 p.m. start time).

Before the Scituate game, the Raiders split their first two games of the season. They defeated Blue Hills 6-1 in their season opener on Dec. 13. Three days later, they fell 5-1 to Hanover. In the win over Blue Hills, Charles McGrail netted a team-high two goals, while Joseph D'Antona, Thomas Walsh, Finn Meaney and Max Lamonica also scored. Plus, Lamonica, McGrail, D'Antona, goaltender Aidan McGuinness, and Shea Winters each had assists.

The Raiders have a mix of youth and experience on their roster this season, with seven seniors on the team.

The roster for the Raiders this season includes: sophomore defenseman Joseph D'Antona, junior defenseman Ian Ronan, junior forward Michael Silverman, junior forward Thomas Walsh, senior forward Michael Campbell, junior forward Collin McGrail, junior defenseman Brian Buckley, freshman forward Max Lamonica, junior forward Shea Winters, sophomore forward Roan Perry, sophomore defenseman Luke Hurley, junior forward Kevin Gillespie, senior forward and captain Charles McGrail, senior forward Joe Enos, sophomore defenseman Cam Leiman, senior forward/defenseman Christopher Morgan, sophomore forward Michael Cavicchi, senior forward and captain Finn Meaney, junior defenseman Cole Hussy, senior forward Matt Bowes, senior goaltender Aidan McGuinness, and junior goaltender Elliot Coulter. The team's head coach is Matt Gibbons.

The Raiders played the Quincy Presidents Dec. 26 at the Quincy Youth Arena. The game was part of the Quincy Youth Arena Holiday Tournament. Two days later, the Raiders will face an opponent that has yet to be determined. It will be either Milton or King Philip since they are the two other teams participating in the tournament.

The Quincy-North Quincy game will be the first of two matchups between these two teams this season. They will also play one another in the penultimate regular season game for the Raiders on Feb. 17 at the Quincy Youth Arena (6:30 p.m. start time).



PATRIOTS PLAYERS Josh Uche, Pharoah Brown and Chris Board along with Mass General Brigham concussion experts Dr. Priyanka Shah and Dr. Dan Daneshvar recently visited the Quincy High School football team to educate the teams on concussion. Courtesy Photo

Patriots Players Help Promote Concussion Awareness To High School Athletes

Patriots players Josh Uche, Pharoah Brown and Chris Board recently joined Mass General Brigham concussion experts Dr. Priyanka Shah and Dr. Dan Daneshvar to visit the Cathedral High School Boston and Quincy High School football teams to educate the teams on concussion.

The physician experts at each event shared the science of what a concussion is, signs of concussion, and treatments available. Patriots players stressed the importance of listening to their coaches, doctors and athletic trainers to avoid se-

rious injury, how to prepare for a season properly and lessons to help them beyond the football field.

"Bringing our experts directly to the young athletes so we can raise concussion awareness is of critical importance," said Dr. Ross Zafonte, President, Spaulding Rehabilitation and Mass General Brigham Sports Medicine Concussion Program Lead. "Partnering with the Patriots brings together the medical expertise and professional player's knowledge to help these students both on and off the field well into the future.

We are so proud to be able to bring these events to the communities we serve."

In Massachusetts, all athletes who play for a public school or a private school under the MIAA must follow the head injury and concussion management policy that is directed by state law and enforced by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. This policy also mandates annual concussion training for students, parents, coaches, athletic directors, band directors, and medical staff including physicians and athletic trainers.

Dr. Shah and Dr. Daneshvar emphasized the im-

portance of recognizing symptoms and seeking specialized concussion care.

Mass General Brigham Sports Medicine also works with over 50 school districts in Massachusetts providing athletic training services to support thousands of athletes. These trainers are often the first to respond on the field when a concussion is suspected and work with the teams, players and families to connect them to the correct course of care.

Visit the Mass General Brigham website to learn more about sports medicine concussion programs and services.

'Vulnerable Adults, Most Often Seniors' Are Targets For Scammers, Says Guardian Rick Black

By JOHN GRIMALDI

The National Council on Aging warns seniors that scams targeting older adults are on the rise. Rick Black founded CEAR, the Center for Estate Administration Reform, in 2018 "to bring attention to the issue of predatory attorneys targeting vulnerable adults, most often seniors." In a recent interview with Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens, on her Better For America podcast, he warned that elder fraud is on the rise.

As Black put it, "the lack of oversight in our equity court system and the ability for attorneys to work together can create a narrative that completely dupes a judge and allows them to inappropriately get control of you and your estate. We coined a phrase years ago, isolate the victim, defame legitimate protectors, and loot the estate. Control of the body in these affairs is rather critical. And so older folks, after their spouse has passed, are often alone, maybe thousands of miles from their children. And so they become even more vulnerable than they had been, because the isolation, the distance, is the friend of an exploiter. And an attorney who has all the insights on the dynamics of your family are given the keys to your kingdom. And that could be done through durable power of attorney frauds, trust frauds, generic probate frauds and, of course, adult guardianship conservatorship frauds."

Elder wealth is a con man's dream, according to CEAR. "\$1.5 trillion dollars per year passes generationally in the U.S. today. That number is projected to grow to \$2.5 trillion by 2035. Today's seniors control the greatest wealth in American history. Adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities, trust assets and federal entitlements represent significant wealth as well."

During his BFA interview, Black revealed that his family had experienced senior fraud first hand. He said that his wife was an only child and as her father grew older he was

stricken with dementia. She was the executor of his will. He was living with a family friend in Las Vegas who, it turned out, was "exploiting him. We never believed that a family friend would choose to take advantage of a vulnerable senior and completely deceive the entire family. When we made the discovery, we went to his aid, and found that the roommate, who at that point was about 75, had taken him hostage and had forged three checks totaling \$220,000 and was exploiting him financially due to his growing dementia. We never believed that a family acquaintance would choose to take advantage of a vulnerable senior and completely deceive the entire family. We went to the police and asked them to intervene and they refused to do it, which is typical nationwide, even with the compelling material evidence of three forged checks, and the fact that he was being held captive. Most of your listeners will say that just can't happen in the U.S. The exploiter had a raft of attorneys defending her and making sure that my wife's dad stayed isolated from the family. In summary, we did not get guardianship."

Black's story raises the question, what can one do in such a situation? "Our strongest recommendation, and you can do this for free by pulling forms off the internet, is to execute a durable power of attorney and a healthcare surrogate or healthcare advanced directive, naming an agent and a successor agent on those documents. And most important, after you have them notarized, you sit down with those agents and give them a copy of that document and make sure that they understand that you are contracting with them that if you become vulnerable or cannot speak for yourself, that they're to come to your aid and support you in that regard. It's a temporary contract. It's one that you can at any time dismiss, notify those parties and create new parties that can protect you. But our strongest recommendation is to execute those documents and give them to your trusted and legitimate protector."

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Katherine V. Dunford, member, Merrymount Association; Mary C. Co-hane, 82; Jeffrey T. 'Jethro' Saucier, 45, butcher, Roche Brothers; Timothy E. Lynch Jr., Air Force veteran; Brian M. Buchanan, 62, electrician; Cornelius 'Neil' P. Cronin, 97, principal, James F. Condon Elementary School; Pauline A. Sullivan, 90, clerk, South Postal Annex; Madeline A. McCarthy, 89; Ralph W. Evans Jr., 81, Air Force veteran; William A. Turner, 79, IT professional; Kevin A. Bilotas, 68, Marriott employee.

Anne J. Clark, Milton schoolteacher; Andrea 'Andy' Sandomato, 94, Korean War Army veteran; Florence A. Pellicane, 94, bookkeeper, Pneumatic Scale; Faye A. Spooner, 87, Marine Corps veteran; Marion F. 'Sugar' Flavin, 87, Quincy Health Department employee; Adam W. DeBoer, 46, member, UA Pipefitters Local 537; Thomas J. Heffernan Jr., 60, Stop & Shop employee; Marie L. Keefe, 90, New England Telephone employee; Carol A. Blowers, Manet Community Health Center em-

ployee; Ralph E. Ames Jr., 83, Quincy police detective; Richard P. Millane, Teamsters Local 82 member; Joseph M. Bargar, 70, musician.

OCTOBER

Mary C. Mulligan, 93, house manager, St. Patrick's Rectory; William 'Guy' Ferris, 77, Air Force veteran; Walter J. Marshall, 88, vice president, NECCO; Michael J. Flaherty Jr., 94, assistant vice president, Rockland Trust; Paul V. Kelly, 95, Korean conflict Navy veteran; Donna H. Pound, 86, Cub Scout den mother; Rev. Daniel M. Graham, 79; Mary C. Oliveri, 90.

Cydney Dang, 49, head of social services, South Cover Manor; Edward T. Magee, 84, Army veteran; Edward P. Paccioretti, 80, operations supervisor, Norfolk County Probate Court; James V. Ryan, 97, Quincy Public Schools custodian; Judith A. LaFavre Burns, 81, Braintree Manor employee; Francis J. 'Sonny' Martorana, 80, Navy veteran; Charles F. McGonagle, 76, Vietnam War Air Force veteran; Michael Regan, captain, North Quincy High football team; Nicholas A.

Fasano, 89, Korean conflict Air Force veteran.

Arlene M. Burke, 77, executive assistant, The Chickering Group; Lori Powers, 60, operations manager, Mass. General Hospital; William R. Carter, 85, Boston police detective; Emilio A. Romano, 88, Korean conflict Army veteran; Martha L. Grabke, 81, bursar, Eastern Nazarene College; Patricia A. Barry, Eucharist minister, Sacred Heart Church; Jean R. Reddington; Linda M. Prioli, 69, homemaker; Margaret M. Barton, 92, executive secretary, Laboure College.

Rita C. Lagace, 83, office administrator, Quincy Police Department; John B. Downey, 68, Martignetti Companies employee; Sabrina Tarulli, 54, surgical technician, Boston Medical Center; Preston C. Ripley, 88, owner, Preston-Martin Associates; Gretta Morris, nurse, Boston Medical Center; Michael J. Miller Jr., 58, Local 537 pipefitter; Mary T. Castelejo, 98, bookkeeper, Slate Company; Robert L. McLaughlin, 86, collection specialist, Boston Gas Company; Joseph P. Jordan Jr., 88, Boston firefighter.

NOVEMBER

Francis P. McPartlin, 85, Houghs Neck Neighbor of the Year; Patricia A. Kasparian, 81, alarm company dispatcher; John A. Coyne, supervisor, US Postal Service; Kathleen A. Callahan, 69, nurse anesthesiologist; Richard D. Siciliano, 78, master electrician; Robert P. McEvoy, 70, registered nurse, 70, West Roxbury VA Medical Center; Joseph P. Conley, 78, Army veteran; Victoria F. Birkhimer, 92, waitress, Valle's Steak House.

John 'Jack' W. Lydon, 65, Quincy IT Department employee; Paul K. Leonard III, 60, National Grid employee; Rose A. Kelly, 94, member, Farm Neck Golf Club; David J. Ceriani, 88, Navy Seabee; Brendan J. Marsters, 34, East Boston Savings Bank employee; Kimlan Tran, 83, school psychologist; Michael E. Moran, 59, Army veteran; June E. Holmes, GE employee; Jean M. Munn, 77, hairdresser; Brian P. Mahoney Sr., 82, chief administrator, Norfolk District Attorney's Office.

Jean M. Delisle, 64, case manager, Blue Cross

Blue Shield; Robert F. Hagan, 88, member, Local 501 Shopmen's union; Arlene Lavin Morrissey, 79, Quincy Catholic Academy teacher; Kathleen F. Innello, 74, homemaker; William H. McGinness, 88, basketball director, St. Ann's Parish; Michael J. Hussey, 89, custodian, St. Joseph Parish; Ann R. McCarthy, 82, US Postal Service employee; Elizabeth J. Regan, 103; John J. Holleran, 72, Walter "Cap" Bryan Trophy recipient; Josie 'Smith, 43, military and veterans services associate, Quincy College.

John H. Logan, 89, Korean War era Army veteran; Michael A. Russo, 74, Vietnam War Army veteran; Patrick F. McDonough, 58, electrician, Local 103; Julia 'Julie' Johnson, 60, service industry employee; Dennis J. O'Connor, 92, vice president of finance, Tucker Anthony; Linda S. MacLean; Donald R. Pierce, 75, Navy veteran; Ferzilete Veizaj, 90; Harold L. Dilks, 74, carpet installer; Lois M. Fontana, principal, State Street Global Advisors.

DECEMBER

Christina M. McKeon,

96, broker, Agents Insurance Group; Maureen C. 'Molly' Murphy, 76, administrator, Shuster Inc.; Katherine B. Finnegan, 93, administrator, Stop & Shop; A. Jean Marinelli, 98, registered nurse; John E. Collins Jr., 88, co-founder, Quincy Small Engine; Barbara Colwell Stamos, 97, US Postal Service employee; Paula E. Kelleher-Moore, 73, nurse, Boston Medical Center; Patricia Johnson, 81; Laura B. Smith, 97, waitress; Florence E. Papi, 79, agent, Suburban Insurance Company.

Thomas E. Roberts, 83, Vietnam War Army veteran; Joyce E. Coolen, 69, US Postal Service employee; Marion T. O'Malley, 91, head clerk, city of Quincy treasurer's office; Marie T. White, 58, school bus driver; John R. McCarthy Jr., 93, Weymouth teacher; Frederick Goodwin Christensen, 89, secretary, Delta Lodge AF & AM; Peter M. McElroy, attorney; Shawn Achorn, 45, Devlin Energy employee; Florence M. Griffith, 92, administrative assistant, Liberty Mutual; Arthur E. 'Ted' Anastasi, 92, Navy veteran.

READERS FORUM

MBTA: Community Multi-Family Ordinance Testimony

(Editor's note: The following remarks given at the Dec. 18th city council meeting were submitted to The Quincy Sun for publication).

Dear Councillors:

I am here tonight to share my opinion related to the MBTA Community Multi-Family Overlay District.

I testified at the Planning Board meeting the other night and will share with you a summary of that testimony with some additional thoughts and follow-up questions.

At the heart of this ordinance is a complex urban planning issue with regional implications. In my opinion, the ordinance proposed is shortsighted and represents a 'reactionary' approach to future urban development which is not appropriate for a City the size of Quincy, the seventh largest in Massachusetts.

What is needed is a smart strategy where the needs of each neighborhood is properly evaluated through a master planning effort to determine not only the number of housing units, type, sizes and placement but also the impact such increased populations will have on our City services i.e. our schools, traffic, and the ability of our neighborhood to function as a thriving center of community.

Consider these facts.

- Our City schools are filled to the brim with over 10,000 students. How many more students are our schools expected to absorb? Will we need to build new schools?

- Our streets are clogged with traffic, both local and cut through traffic. How will the new traffic be handled?

- The T stations do not have enough parking to accommodate commuters, parking rates at the stations are exorbitantly expensive, the Quincy Center T station is an eyesore and the MBTA no longer serves the commuter. In short, the T doesn't work!

I am a commuter and have been my entire life. I remember a time when I used to get on at Wollaston station and, within 20 minutes would be at South Station. That is no longer the case. It now takes me about an hour to get from Wollaston to South Station on most days. It seems that the population that serves the T on the Red Line has outgrown its current capacity. The state needs to rethink the function of the T and how it will meet the goals of future residents.

At the Planning Board meeting, the Planning Department expressed frustration with the state law because, as written, it is very limiting, far too prescriptive, inflexible and doesn't allow municipalities the opportunity to comply in ways that better fit their community. They also stated that this effort to create the new maps of North Quincy and West Quincy is a

bit of a 'paper exercise' that won't result in a boom in housing unit development in the target areas in the short term.

As a result, we are left with a rudimentary map of North Quincy and West Quincy with target overlay areas noted in red. It is simple color on paper. What we to understand is that each red area is a future neighborhood, that should be thoughtfully designed to benefit the folks that will live there.

As written, the ordinance provides a dimensional limit to allow for up to 8 story buildings in a 10,000 sf lot, for example. But I wonder if this will result in block after block of uniform 8 story apartment buildings that might concentrate a class or resident type and marginalize them. This harkens back to a time when public housing was concentrated in isolated areas which stigmatized those who lived there. I realize that this isn't public housing, but zoning has a way of shaping buildings in its own image.

A smarter approach would be to provide more opportunities for smaller apartment buildings within a larger radius from the MBTA stops which would be more appropriate and in-keeping with the scale and feel of our community.

For example, in Wollaston, there is a nice mix of single-family homes, large and small, duplex and small apartment buildings (4-8 units) interspersed throughout. All have front and back yards, porches, street trees, driveways and sidewalks to local parks and small commercial storefronts with restaurants and pharmacies. To me, this is the scale of the neighborhood that folks want and enjoy.

Yet, the scale that is being proposed in the ordinance seems to be very different.

Please request that the Planning Department continue to explore more robust, refined and varied dimensional criteria and design guidelines that limit the size of the buildings, encourage better quality new multi-family housing and address the particulars of green space and access to public spaces and small commercial opportunities within the target areas so that the feel and function of them are consistent with the broader community, like Wollaston.

The residents of Quincy want a livable City. To get there, consider this:

FIX THE T! Quincy should first, DEMAND that the state address the troubles with the MBTA immediately, fix it, expand it, make it reliable, fast and keep it affordable. Expanding housing around the T makes no sense if the T doesn't work.

MASTERPLAN EACH NEIGHBORHOOD! Quincy should master plan each neighborhood with the same energy and devotion that they are applying to Quincy Center de-

velopment and consider the noble goal of creating a livable City at the center of all decision making that involves new future development whether it be housing or commercial.

Please encourage the City to go back to the drawing board, roll up their sleeves and implement a proper master plan process that includes the residents. The residents deserve to have a seat at the table when determining the future of the neighborhood in which they live. And, finally, work with Councillor Liang and her Zoning task force to create a City that is 'Better for Everyone.'

Where does the City Administration stand on Councillor Liang's resolve?

Many residents are ready and anxiously waiting to work with Councillor Liang and the Planning Department to realize a more livable City for future generations. Let's make this a START of a conversation about how our City should grow and not the end of one.

Let's get to work!

Follow-up Questions: After further study of this issue and listening to the City's presentation, I encourage you to seek clarification of the following additional questions:

- 1) The City's powerpoint includes a sentence on Energy Efficiency that states "Multi-Family Housing cannot be required to meet higher standards than other uses in the municipality." Quincy is a Green Community where all new buildings, including multi-family buildings, are required to comply with the New Stretch Energy Code. However, this statement seems to imply that new multi-family housing is somehow exempt from the current applicable energy code requirements. Is this the case?

- 2) Ferry service is provided at Marina Bay and is operated by the MBTA. Yet Mariana Bay was not identified in the proposed overlay. Why is this the case?

- 3) Office parks such as State Street Office complex and Crown Colony both fall within the target radius of the North Quincy and Quincy Adams T Stations. Yet, these areas have not been identified in this proposed overlay. Why is this the case?

- 4) Will the new multi-family housing in the proposed overlay be required to be affordable housing?

And, if so, how will affordability be achieved?

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter. I look forward to your response. Feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Maria Mulligan, AIA, Architect
Quincy

OBITUARIES

Catherine A. Davis, 90

Catherine A. (Foppiano) Davis, age 90, a longtime resident of Quincy, formerly of Somerville, died peacefully, Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023 at Benchmark at Hanover, in the comfort of her loving family.

Catherine was born in Somerville, to the late Victor and Mary (Casassa) Foppiano. Raised in Somerville, she was a graduate of Somerville High School, Class of 1950. She lived in Quincy for over fifty years, previously in Somerville.

She was a homemaker but as a young woman had worked as a secretary for the John Hancock Life Insurance Company in Boston for several years. Later in life, Catherine returned to the workforce as a secretary in the corporate offices of the former Bradlees Department Store in Braintree for twenty years.

Catherine enjoyed bowling, gardening, and was an avid Boston sports fan.

Her greatest passion was her family, especially her cherished grandchildren and great grandchildren, supporting all their many activities and accomplishments.

Beloved wife for sixty-three years and high school sweetheart of the late Richard J. Davis, Sr.

Devoted mother of Richard J. Davis, Jr. and his wife Karin of Easton, Laura J. Kiely and her husband John of Braintree, Carole L. Bambrick and her husband Robert of Plymouth, Barbara A. Davis of Quincy, and Stephen G. Davis and his wife Luci of Turner, Maine.

Loving grandmother of Amanda Maksy and her husband Emil, Jillian Haskell



CATHERINE A. DAVIS

and her husband Mark, Gregory Davis and his wife Ally, Kathleen Kiely and her husband Martin Sabounjian, John Kiely IV, PO1, USN and his wife Kristin, Rachel Bambrick and her husband Kyle Weir, Michael Bambrick, Rebekah and Andrew "AJ" Davis.

Cherished great grandmother of Katelyn and Bethany Haskell.

One of five siblings, she was the dear sister of John Foppiano of Wayland, Joseph Foppiano of Wellesley and Florida, Marylou Cline of Marshfield, and was predeceased by Theresa Foppiano. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours were held at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave., Quincy, on Friday, Dec. 22. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in Saint Joseph's Church, 550 Washington St., Quincy, on Saturday, Dec. 23. Interment followed at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton.

For those who wish, donations in Catherine's memory may be made to the Home Base Program, 125 Nashua St., Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114.

You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

Dolores M. Rooney

Dolores Mary (McInnis) Rooney, of Cleburne, Texas, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 26th, 2023.

Dolores was born in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, on April 17th, 1934. She grew up, lived and worked most of her life in Quincy and a few other places on the South Shore of Massachusetts. She moved to Joshua, Texas, to live with her son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Tina Osborne, the year her husband, Joseph Rooney, passed away (2014). Dolores loved to dance. On weekend nights she could often be found at Mosley's on the Charles in Dedham dancing the night away.

Dolores was predeceased by her beloved husband, Joseph, her parents, Helen (Winchenbach) McInnis and Alley McInnis Sr., and brother, John L. McInnis.

Dolores is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Richard Post, of Rockingham, North Carolina, her son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Tina Osborne, of Joshua, Texas, her granddaughter, Desiree' Co-



DOLORES M. ROONEY

mingo and husband Heath, of Bangor, Maine, and grandsons, Sean O'Brien of Rockingham, North Carolina, and Joseph Francis and wife Cynthia, of Denton, Texas, step-grandchildren, Haylea Tubbs and husband Clayton, of Crowley, Texas, Dillon Conway and wife Julia, of Philomath, Oregon, two great-grandchildren, Ian and Pike Francis, and one step-great-grandson, Harden Tubbs, and her sisters, Joanne Falco of Pembroke, Massachusetts, and Judy Vachon, of Weymouth, Massachusetts, and brother, Alley McInnis, of Boynton Beach, Florida, as well as many nieces and nephews.

NHS Receives \$25,000 Grant From CVS Foundation

NeighborWorks® Housing Solutions (NHS), a housing service provider in southern Massachusetts, has received a \$25,000 grant from the CVS Health Foundation as part of its 2023 Hometown Fund, which supports the communities the company's headquarters call home.

The grant was given to NHS as an unrestricted donation and will be applied to area of greatest need or general operating expenses. Unrestricted grants are not as common but are incredibly important to nonprofits and provide flexibility to apply funding where it is needed most. In addition, the gift will enhance resident well-being through formal partnerships for evidence-based supportive services.

"When people have access to consistent health care and are equipped with the supporting services like affordable housing and healthy food, they are better positioned to improve their health," said Sheryl Burke,

senior vice president of corporate social responsibility and chief sustainability officer with CVS Health. "Our Hometown Fund grantees this year serve as example of the ongoing work that is the focus of our philanthropic programs."

"We are grateful to the CVS Health Foundation for their support of the many services and resources we provide, including housing and supportive services, which ultimately promote health and well-being and ensure high quality tenancy services and supports," said Robert Corley, CEO of NeighborWorks Housing Solutions.

The funds received by NHS are part of \$2 million in grants from the CVS Health Foundation awarded to nonprofits throughout Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts to help bolster organizations working toward improving health outcomes and creating a healthier, more equitable future for all.

Daniel A. 'Buzzy' Richardson

Daniel A. "Buzzy" Richardson passed peacefully on Dec. 18, 2023. He was 89 years old.

Buzzy was born and raised in St. Patrick's Parish in Roxbury, Ma. He graduated from Cathedral High School ('52), where he captained the basketball and baseball teams. Upon graduation, Buzzy enrolled in the US Army, where he served honorably in the Korean War. After his military service was completed, he embarked on his 35 year career as a Letter Carrier with the USPS. He first worked at the Grove Hall branch for several years before working for the majority of his career in the Wollaston branch, where he met most of his lifelong friends.

Buzzy was predeceased by his loving and loyal wife Patricia A. "Pat" (McAlpine), and his younger brother Michael. He is survived by his sister Joanne McDermott, and his children, Karen Lasko (and her late husband Joseph) of Marshfield, Daniel of California, Michael and his wife Lynne of Plymouth, Paul and his longtime girlfriend Maureen Moroney of Quincy, Patricia Osis and her husband Mark or Marshfield, and Tracy of Whitman. He is survived by, and was very proud of,



DANIEL A. 'BUZZY' RICHARDSON

his grandchildren, Kayla and Joseph Lasko, Mark (USAF), Aaron and his wife Melissa, Kyle, and Jason (USN) Osis, Jordan Gaudet, Shane and Ainsley Richardson and his great-grandchild Ava Lima. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews of the McDermott, McAlpine and DiBattista families.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited greet the family during the visiting hours on Wednesday, Dec. 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy followed by his funeral service which will be celebrated on Wednesday at 12 p.m. in Keohane Funeral Home, Quincy. Burial in Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree. See www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

William R. Doherty, 83

William R. Doherty, of Quincy, formerly of Charlestown, died peacefully on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023, at the South Shore Hospital in Weymouth. He was 83.

William was born in Charlestown on June 10, 1940 and was a son of the late William P. and Frances (Healy) Doherty. He was raised in Charlestown and attended local schools.

William's career was with the Boston Housing Authority. He worked as a roofer in the building trades industry, which assisted Boston residents and property management maintain homes throughout the city. William enjoyed his work and the relationships he built throughout the years.

William was the beloved husband of the late Janice Doherty, who died in 2018. He was the devoted father of William J. Doherty and his wife Denise of Georgia, and Mark D. Doherty and his partner Kerry Galvin of Dorchester. William was the loving grandfather of Colin Galvin of Dorchester, Sydney Galvin of Dorchester, Kay Galvin of Dorchester, Nicole Doherty of Geor-



WILLIAM R. DOHERTY

gia, and Patrick Doherty of Georgia. He was the loving great grandfather of Brayden Doherty of Georgia. William was preceded in death by his siblings: James Healy, Patricia Baker, and Janet Doherty. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

William's funeral services and interment will be held privately.

He will be interred with his wife in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Boston.

In lieu of flowers, please consider sending a memorial contribution to William's favorite charitable organization: Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots by visiting: www.toysfortots.org.

See www.Keohane.com for online condolences.

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Quincy Lodge Of Elks Distributes Christmas Dinner Baskets

On Sunday, Dec. 17, the Quincy Lodge of Elks delivered more than 100 Christmas Dinner baskets to families in need.

The long-standing tradition dates back decades, and this year 120 baskets were delivered to various families and individuals to spread holiday cheer.

"We want to say a sincere thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers who made the deliveries possible, giving their time and effort to support families who need it most," the Elks said in a statement. "Special thanks to Bill and Cindy Mignosa of Mignosa's Fruit Basket for purchasing and getting the food together and ready to transport, they've been so generous for over 30 years with this program."

Delivering Christmas Dinner baskets is an annual tradition for the Elks, one of their many charitable endeavors throughout the year. Baskets were delivered throughout the city of Quincy and the surrounding area, including to QCAP, the Quincy Police Department's Outreach Center, and the Brockton VA Hospital.

Under the leadership of Exalted Ruler Sean McArdle, a number of Elks members worked in collaboration to plan this year's delivery, including Elks Secretary Michelle Pateras, Past Exalted Ruler Maureen Gibbons, and Past Exalted Ruler Jim Folk. Over 30 Elks members volunteered to deliver baskets.

"We want to thank everyone who signed up to volun-

teer this year, and we also want to thank the Mignosa family for their continued generosity and kindness," said Pateras. "The Elks approved up to \$10,000 as a donation to this endeavor, demonstrating that Elks care and Elks share."

Folk echoed the same sentiments. "This is one of the best community events we hold every year," he said. "It's especially great to see how many members come to help and give back. Many of them also bring their kids with them, who can get community service hours through their schools for helping out."

"This is always a great event that shows just how much the Elks give to help people in need," Maureen Gibbons said.



VOLUNTEERS DELIVER Elks Christmas dinner baskets. Left to right: Don Knight, Vinnie Paluzzi, John Connor, Jim Folk, Joe and Victoria Paluzzi, Lana Otis, Kristen Paluzzi and Bob LaFleur.

Courtesy Photo

The Quincy Lodge of Elks is one of the oldest fraternal organizations in the city, and upholds the values

of charity, brotherly love, and fidelity. The Elks sponsor a variety of charitable endeavors throughout the

year, working with seniors, veterans, students, and people in need.



EMPLOYEES OF Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro P.C. pose with some of the gifts collected to support Quincy After School Child Care (QCARE) families.

Courtesy Photos



QCARE ADMINISTRATORS gather gifts from the Elves at ATCK Fitness in Quincy. ATCK Fitness staff and clients supported wish lists for four Quincy families in need.

QCARE, Partners Help Spread Christmas Cheer To Local Families

Quincy-based non-profit, Quincy After School Child Care (QCARE) spread holiday cheer throughout the community by partnering with local businesses and individuals to adopt children's Christmas wish lists.

In the past, Quincy families seeking support with holiday gifts for their children could turn to a handful of known charities ready and able to help. However, with less people in a position to give and more people in need, the demand for toy support and other help is at an all-time high. One local non-profit agency who has

stepped in to help those in need is Quincy After School Child Care (QCARE).

"I have been working on this project for over a decade. This year I was initially overwhelmed with the increased need from our families and concerned that we would not be able to find the partners we needed to make the magic happen for each child," said Marisa MacLellan, QCARE Director of Operations. "Thankfully, our list of sponsoring partners is now at an all-time high to match the need and we have fulfilled wishlists for 64 Quincy children!"

To answer the need, QCARE first turned to long-time partner Boston Property Development who has supported the project for almost a decade. BPD's support covered the first 15 children.

Next, past supporters and local Quincy businesses, Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C. and Granite Telecommunications stepped in to support the wishes of another nine children. New partners, the Weymouth Club, ATCK Fitness and Creative World Children's Learning Center supported another 11 families.

Through partnership with the Boston Red Sox and in memory of longtime Sox employee Donny Bowes, Jr., the Red Sox front office staff made tremendous contributions to the gifting project to honor their friend's memory. The Red Sox front

staff also ensured that grocery store gift cards were provided to families. The remaining children were supported by contributions from QCARE families and friends, and other fundraising efforts.

"This true community ef-

fort embodies the meaning and spirit of giving during the holiday season," said MacLellan. "It's exhausting, but so worth it to know that dozens of parents get to see that special joy on their children's faces because of the effort of these partnerships. I am so grateful."



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U.S. Army Soldiers Volunteer At FBMS In Advance Of Army-Navy Game

On Friday, Dec. 8, a group of U.S. Army and National Guard soldiers, including country music star Craig Morgan and several U.S. Army Rangers, volunteered at Father Bill's & MainSpring's (FBMS) new Yawkey Housing Resource Center in Quincy.

The visit was part of the Army's service to the community leading up to the Army-Navy football game at Gillette Stadium on Dec. 9.

Morgan, who reenlisted in the Army earlier this year, played guitar and sang for program participants and staff at Father Bill's & MainSpring's Yawkey Housing Resource Center at 39 Broad St. Dec. 8.



COUNTRY MUSIC star Craig Morgan, who reenlisted in the Army earlier this year, played guitar and sang for program participants and staff at Father Bill's & MainSpring's Yawkey Housing Resource Center at 39 Broad St. Dec. 8.

was held in New England for the first time in the game's history. As part of activities leading up to the game, the U.S. Army volunteered at area non-profits in Greater Boston, including FBMS. The Yawkey Housing Re-

source Center, a brand-new building that has been hailed as a national model in the fight to end homelessness, offers an innovative day center, shelter, and 30 apartments for individual adults facing a housing crisis.

Houghs Neck Garden Club Meets Jan. 3

The Houghs Neck Garden Club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. The theme is "Winter Wellness Skin Care" presented by member Christine Cotter who is owner of "Seacrest Garden."

Cotter raises her own herbs, with which she makes

many kinds of salves and lip balms. She will be demonstrating her talents and even provide something for each of us to take home. This is something we all need this time of year.

Refreshments are provided.

Next month, on Feb. 7th "Asian Aesthetics on West-

ern Art" will be presented by Zen-Jay Chuang. This will also be held at the Community Center at 7 p.m.

The Houghs Neck Garden Club is a member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts and a 501c3 non-profit organization. Our aim is to make Houghs Neck a beautiful place we can all be proud to call home.

Quincy Catholic Academy First Term Honor Roll

Quincy Catholic Academy lists the following students on its first term honor roll.

HIGH HONORS

Grade 6: Lily Cheang, Andrew Hsu, Kayla Kwan, Angela Zheng and Colby Jiang.

Grade 7: Helina Adugna, Keaton Huynh, Vera Kilorin and Jada Lin.

Grade 8: Tayla Jiang, Aiden Olivero and Soha Shiffas.

HONORS

Grade 6: Montserrat Alfaro, Hebe Chen, Sabrina Cheng, Gary Li, Sophia Zhu, Dylan Goncalves, Upaasna Verma and Cici Zhu.

Grade 7: Madeline Breen, Cristina Delaney, Shreya Madhu, Shirley Shi

and Winnie Shi.

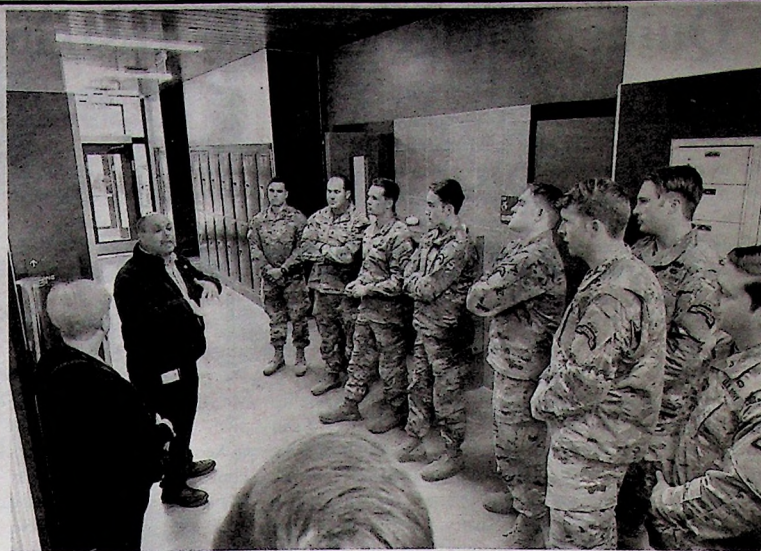
Grade 8: Collins Akukwe, Jessica Chen and Sumner Wu.

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Grade 6: Kiersten Bro-naugh and Ella Lu.

Grade 7: Cici Zhu, Varnia Pierre and Nhu Lai.

Grade 8: Aidan Chan, Jenny Kwan, Quoc Truong and K'von Williams.



FATHER BILL'S & MainSpring President & CEO John Yazwinski provides U.S. Army soldiers with a tour of the Yawkey Housing Resource Center at 39 Broad St. Dec. 8.



U.S. ARMY SOLDIERS volunteered in the kitchen at Father Bill's & MainSpring's Yawkey Housing Resource Center at 39 Broad St. Dec. 8. Courtesy Photos

Three Liquor Licenses Not Renewed

By SCOTT JACKSON

Three establishments will not be renewing their liquor licenses in the new year.

During the Dec. 19 meeting of the Board of License Commissioners, City Clerk Nicole Crispo said the William R. Caddy Detachment at 111 Newbury Ave, Sala by Fratelli's at 470 Southern Artery, and The Craic Pub at 536 Washington St. would not be renewing their licenses for 2024. The renewal of all other Section 12 and Section 15 licenses was unanimously approved. In other business on Dec.

19, the licensing board:

- Granted the request of T Bakery Inc. d/b/a Paris Baguette for a common victualler license for the premises at 259 Hancock St. Gong Lu said the store would be offering pastries, cakes, sandwiches and coffee. Its hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week.

- Granted the request of the Quincy Lodge of Elks, 254 Quarry St., for a change in manager for their all-alcoholic beverages club license from John P. Conner to Tracy Landers. Landers said she has been working there since November 2023.

She said no changes to the lodge's hours or operations are planned.

- Granted the request of 60 BBQ Group d/b/a BBQ Chicken, 60 Billings Rd., for a change in its corporate name on its beer and wine license from JSM Group Inc. Attorney Russell Chin said the change was sought because the entity was switching from an S corporation to a C corporation.

The board also voted to extend closing time by one hour on New Year's Eve, meaning establishments with licenses to open until 1 a.m. can stay open until 2 a.m.

Carol Sing In Quincy Point

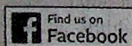
Celebrate the Epiphany service Sunday, Dec. 31 at 10 a.m. at Quincy Point Congregational Church, 444 Washington St. The worship, led by the deacons, promises a delightful blend of joyous carols.

The public is invited and the QPCC building is fully accessible through the Abbey Road entrance. Accessible parking, an elevator, and an "All Access" rest room are available. After the service, join in the Social Hall downstairs for light refreshments and conversations.

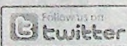
If attending in person is not feasible, you can still participate in the worship service by tuning in to the church live stream at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Past live streams are accessible on the church website (quincypointcong.org) and on the church's Facebook, Vimeo, and YouTube pages. On Dec. 27, from 6 to 8

p.m. is the Laundry Love mission at Wash-N-Dry, 236 Washington St. Spread the word that those in need can receive free laundry assistance during these hours. A QPCC representative will be present to greet and assist individuals with machine payments. Everyone deserves clean clothes. Wishing you a Happy New Year!

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8pm: QPS 'Tis the Season Concert

Friday, December 29
11:30am: CQ Interview: Quincy Art Association
7pm: Quincy in Focus

Saturday, December 30
12pm: Quincy in Focus
7pm: The Call

Sunday, December 31
10am: Bethany Congregational Church
11:30am: Quincy Point Church Good News

Monday, January 1
12pm: QPS 'Tis the Season Concert
8pm: Thanksgiving Football

Tuesday, January 2
7am: LIVE: AM Quincy with Joe Catalano
7pm: AM Quincy: Mayor Thomas Koch

Wednesday, January 3
6pm: Quincy Point Church Good News
7pm: The Call

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Thursday December 28
8:00pm: At the Kennedy Center, Grief Counselor
9:00pm: Quincy In Focus, Holiday Edition

Friday December 29
8:15pm: Ringing the Bells, Norwood Carillon
9:00pm: State View, guest Rep. Tackey Chan

Saturday/Sunday, December 30/31
10:15am: Home Sweet Healthy Home, episode #2
10:30am: State View, guest Rep. Tackey Chan
1:30pm: Quincy In Focus, Holiday Edition
2:30pm: Concerts @the Crane, Marcus Johnson
4:00pm: Quincy License Board (12/19)

Monday January 1
1:30pm: TCPL Presents, Animation
3:00pm: At the Library Concert, Marc Berger

Tuesday January 2
4:00pm: Quincy License Board (12/19)
6:00pm: Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals (12/12)
10:00pm: Health Links

Wednesday January 3
6:00pm: In the Know, Mass. Office on Disability
11:00pm: QATV Classics

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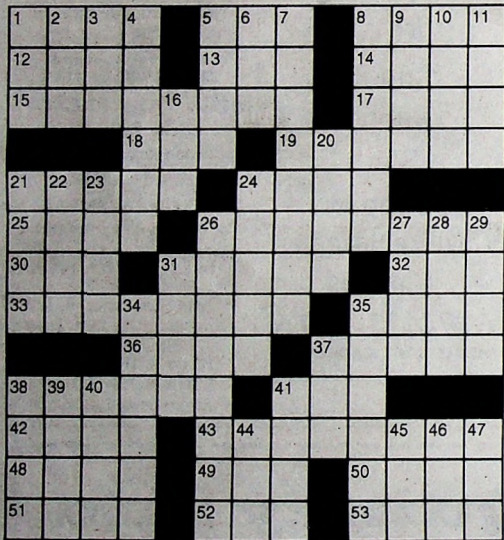
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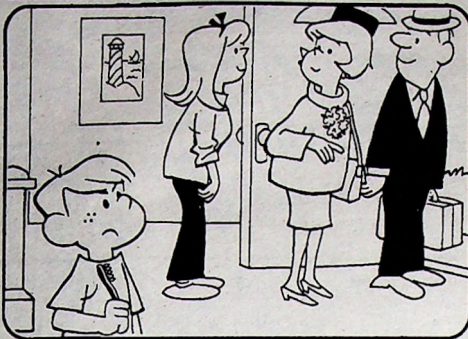
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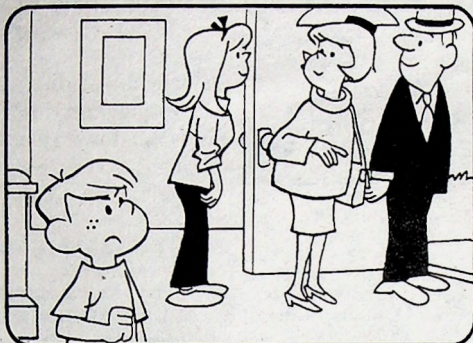
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: In which city is the Brandenburg Gate located?
2. TELEVISION: Which 1990s TV show catapulted actor George Clooney to fame?
3. MOVIES: Which department store is featured in the 1947 holiday film, "Miracle on 34th Street"?
4. LEGAL: What kind of legislative body is bicameral?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What is the main ingredient in guacamole?
6. LITERATURE: In "The Night Before Christmas" poem, how many reindeer does Santa Claus have?
7. CHEMISTRY: Which

chemical element's symbol is C?

8. HISTORY: Who is the first female chancellor of Germany?
9. MUSIC: Which female French singer had a hit song with "La Vie en Rose"?
10. SCIENCE: When did the Krakatoa volcano have its last major eruption?

Answers

1. Berlin, Germany.
2. "ER."
3. Macy's.
4. A legislative body with two chambers, like House and Senate.
5. Avocado.
6. Eight.
7. Carbon.
8. Angela Merkel.
9. Edith Piaf.
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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The new year brings challenges that can change many things in your life. You need to be prepared not only to confront them, but also to deal with what happens afterward.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You have what it takes to set your goals quite a bit higher this year. Learn what you need to know and put what you learn into your efforts. Meanwhile, a partner offers loving support.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) In true Gemini Twin fashion, you're conflicted about a decision that you know you'll have to make in the new year. Best advice: Get the facts before you make any commitments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A friend offers you an exciting opportunity for this new year. Although your positive aspects are strong in most respects, caution is still advised. Investigate before you invest.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You can make this new year a roaring success by readjusting your goals to reflect the changes in the economy. In addition, your den-mate offers both wise and loving support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The New Year brings new opportunities for change, but you need to be ready to move on from the comfortable status quo toward the challenging unknown. It's all up to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your most important New Year's resolution should

be to work out problems with a family member in order to avoid continuing misunderstandings. Do it soon for both of your sakes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The new year has much to offer the intensely determined Scorpion, who isn't afraid to take on challenges and stay with them until they surrender their rewards.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You'll have many fine opportunities in the new year. But be warned: Reject offers of "help." You work best when you're free to be your own creative self.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The new year offers changes that you might feel you're not quite ready for. Best advice: Deal with them one step at a time until you've built up your self-confidence.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel is a dominant aspect of the new year. This could mean relocating to another city (or even another country) in connection with your education or your career.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This New Year brings news about a change you've been anticipating. You might have a problem persuading a loved one about your new plans, but they will soon go along with them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making people feel safe and protected. You would make an excellent youth counselor.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: X equals T

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SLNBIL XP FLLJ UMFVHZT:
AMVF RMHV.

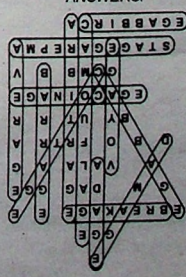
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King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.



Magic Maze ANSWERS:



Letters sent to farm dwellers about horses that stop and refuse to keep walking. bulk mail.

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